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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, November 5, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs





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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, November 5, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:47 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair and two Vice-Chairs, pursuant to Standing Orders 106(1), (2) and (3).

Members of the Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Diane Bourgeois, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, Stan Dromisky, The Hon. Hedy Fry, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Carol Skelton, Yolande Thibeault, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Member present: Yvan Loubier for Diane Bourgeois.

Other Member present: Paul Szabo.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(3), the Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Chair and of Vice-Chairs.

On motion of Stan Dromisky, it was agreed, -- That Bonnie Brown be elected Chair of the Committee.

Accordingly, Bonnie Brown was declared duly elected Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Judy Sgro, it was agreed -- That Stan Dromisky be elected Government Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Accordingly, Stan Dromisky was declared duly elected Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Carol Skelton moved, -- That Rob Merrifield be elected opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Hedy Fry moved, -- That Réal Ménard be elected opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(3), a secret ballot was conducted. Réal Ménard was duly elected Vice-Chair.

Bonnie Brown took the Chair.

The Committee commenced consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Committee proceeded to consider routine motions.

On motion of Hedy Fry, it was agreed, -- That the Committee retain the services of one or more

researcher(s) from the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Committee in its work, at the discretion of the Chair.

On motion of Judy Sgro, it was agreed, -- That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses, not exceeding two (2) representatives per organization; and that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for more representatives be at the discretion of the Chair.

On motion of Stan Dromisky, it was agreed, -- That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive and publish evidence when a quorum is not present provided that at least three (3) members are present, including a member of the opposition; and that the Chair be authorized to call a meeting to order no sooner than fifteen (15) minutes after the time indicated on the notice of meeting as long as three (3) members are present.

On motion of James Lunney, it was agreed, -- That the Clerk of the Committee, in consultation with the Chair, be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide for working meals for the Committee.

On motion of Carolyn Bennett, it was agreed, -- That the Clerk of the Committee circulate to all Members of the Committee Order-in-Council appointments referred to the Standing Committee on Health.

On motion of Judy Wasylycia-Leis, it was agreed, -- That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute to the members of the Committee documents only when they exist in both official languages.

On motion of Carol Skelton, it was agreed, -- That one copy of the transcript of all *in camera* meetings be kept in the Committee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Committee.

On motion of Réal Ménard, it was agreed, -- That forty-eight (48) hours notice be given before any new item of business be considered by the Committee. Notice given on a Friday shall be deemed to have been given on the following Monday.

At 4:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette

Clerk of the Committee

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Standing Committee
on

HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, November 19, 2002

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Future business

Study of Bill C-13, An Act respecting assisted human reproduction

WITNESSES:

Catholic Health Association of Canada:

Mary Lou Cranston, Director.

Catholic Organization for Life and Family:

Bridget Campion, Doctor and Member of the Board of Directors;

Terence Prendergast, Most Reverend and Chair.

Christian Reformed Church in North America:

Mike Hogeterp, Research and Communications Coordinator.

Dalhousie University:

Françoise Baylis, Associate Professor, Department of Bioethics.

Department of Justice Canada:

Glenn Rivard, Senior Legal Counsel.

Health Canada:

Francine Manseau, Senior Policy Analyst, Health Policy and Communications Branch,
Special Projects Division;

Ian Shugart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Policy and Communications Branch.

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation of Canada:

Ron Forbes, President and Chief Executive Officer.

National Cancer Institute of Canada:

Michael Wosnick, Acting Executive Director.

REAL Women of Canada:

Diane Watts, Researcher.

Stem Cell Network:

Ronald Worton, Scientific Director.



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Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, November 19, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 9:10 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Carol Skelton, Yolande Thibeault, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Paul Szabo for Brenda Chamberlain, John Bryden for Stan Dromisky, Joe McGuire for the Hon. Hedy Fry, John O'Reilly for Hélène Scherrer, Bob Wood for Judy Sgro.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

On motion of Yolande Thibeault, it was agreed, -- That the proposed supplementary budget in the amount of \$83,000, for the purpose of hearing witnesses on Bill C-13, be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Sub-committee of the Liaison Committee."

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That this Committee demonstrate its commitment to the future of our universal health care system by immediately reviewing, upon its release, the Romanow Report for a period of no less than four meetings. Debate arose thereon.

Réal Ménard moved that the motion be amended by replacing the words "immediately reviewing, upon its release, the Romanow Report for a period of no less than four meetings" with the words "by dedicating to it a portion of its discussions during the meeting following the tabling of the report". Debate continued on the amendment.

By unanimous consent, the Committee proceeded to the main motion. After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was adopted on recorded division:

YEAS

James Lunney
Rob Merrifield
Carol Skelton
Réal Ménard
Judy Wasylycia-Leis
Paul Szabo
John Bryden
Bob Wood -- 7

NAYS

Jeannot Castonguay
Joe McGuire
John O'Reilly
Yolande Thibeault
Réal Ménard -- 5

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That this Committee demonstrate its commitment to the future of our universal health care system by immediately reviewing the Kirby Report for a period of no less than four meetings. Debate arose thereon. After debate, the question was put on the motion and was negated on recorded division:

YEAS

Rob Merrifield
Carol Skelton – 2

NAYS

James Lunney
Réal Ménard
Judy Wasylcia-Leis
Carolyn Bennett
Jeannot Castonguay
Paul Szabo
John Bryden
Joe McGuire
John O'Reilly
Bob Wood
Yolande Thibeault – 11

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That the Committee call on the Health Minister to be available for questioning for a minimum of 2 hours during her next appearance at committee. Debate arose thereon. After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was, by a show of hands, adopted.

YEAS: 7

NAYS: 4

Witnesses: From the Department of Health: Ian Shugart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Policy and Communications Branch; Francine Manseau, Senior Policy Analyst, Health Policy and Communications Branch, Special Projects Division. From the Department of Justice: Glenn Rivard, Senior Legal Counsel. From the Catholic Health Association of Canada: Mary Lou Cranston, Director. From the Christian Reformed Church in North America: Mike Hogeterp, Research and Communications Coordinator, Committee for Contact with the Government; Ineke Neutel, Member, Assisted Human Reproduction Task Force of the Committee for Contact with the Government. From the Catholic Organization for Life and Family: Bridget Campion, Member of the Board of Directors; Most Rev. Terence Prendergast, Chair. From REAL Women of Canada: Diane Watts, Researcher.

Ian Shugart, Mary Lou Cranston, Mike Hogeterp, Bridget Campion, Diane Watts made a statement and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:20 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

At 3:40 p.m. the sitting resumed.

Witnesses: From the Stem Cell Network: Ronald Worton, Scientific Director. From the National Cancer Institute of Canada: Michael Wosnick, Acting Executive Director. From the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation: Ron Forbes, President and CEO; Elaine Flis, Manager of Government Relations. From Dalhousie University: Françoise Baylis, Associate Professor, Department of Bioethics.

The Order of Reference dated Monday, October 7, 2002, being now read as follows:

ORDERED, -- That Bill C-13, "An Act respecting assisted human reproduction" was deemed read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Health.

The Chair called Clause 1.

Ronald Worton, Michael Wosnick, Ron Forbes and Françoise Baylis made a statement and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:46 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette

Clerk of the Committee

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HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 3

Wednesday, November 20, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-13, An Act respecting assisted human reproduction

WITNESSES:

Canadian Medical Association:

Eugene Bereza, Doctor; Chair, Committee on Ethics.

Ottawa Civic Hospital:

Arthur Leader, Doctor; Chief, Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility.

Repromed Limited:

Cathy Ruberto, Assistant Clinical Director.



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Meeting No. 3

Wednesday, November 20, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:42 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Yolande Thibeault.

Other Member present: Paul Szabo.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Ottawa Hospital: Arthur Leader, MD., FRCSC., Professor, Obstetrics, Gynecology and Medicine, University of Ottawa, Chief, Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility. *From Repromed Limited:* Cathy Ruberto, Assistant Clinical Director. *From the Canadian Medical Association:* Eugene Bereza, Chair, Committee on Ethics; John Williams, Director of Ethics.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-13, An Act respecting assisted human reproduction, (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, November 19, 2002, Meeting No. 2*).

Arthur Leader, Cathy Ruberto and Eugene Bereza made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:14 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:16 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

At 5:22 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 4

Thursday, November 21, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-13, An Act respecting assisted human reproduction

WITNESSES:

Canadian Bar Association:

Joan Bercovitch, Senior Director;

Brent F. Windwick, Past Chair, National Health Law Section.

Department of Health:

Étienne Ouimette, Acting Director, Compliance and Enforcement, National Coordination
Centre, Health Products and Food Branch;

Cathy Parker, Manager, Biologics and Genetic Therapies Directorate, Centre for Policy and
Regulatory Affairs, Health Products and Food Branch.

University of Toronto:

Bernard Dickens, Professor, Faculties of Law and Medicine; Chair in Biomedical Ethics,
Joint Centre for Bioethics.



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Meeting No. 4

Thursday, November 21, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 10:39 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Stan Dromisky, The Hon. Hedy Fry, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Judy Sgro, Carol Skelton, Yolande Thibeault, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: John Finlay for Brenda Chamberlain, Anita Neville for Hélène Scherrer

Other Members present: Paul Szabo, Alan Tonks

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the University of Toronto: Bernard Dickens, Professor in Health Law and Policy, Chair in Biomedical Ethics, Faculty of Law, Faculty of Medicine, and the Joint Centre for Bioethics. *From the Canadian Bar Association:* Brent F. Windwick, Past Chair, National Health Law Section; Joan Bercovitch, Senior Director, Legal and Governmental Affairs. *From the Department of Health:* Étienne Ouimette, Acting Director, Compliance and Enforcement, National Coordination Centre, Health Products and Food Branch; Cathy Parker, Manager, Biologics and Genetic Therapies Directorate, Centre for Policy and Regulatory Affairs, Submission Management Division, Health Products and Food Branch. *From the Privacy Commissioner of Canada:* George Radwanski, Privacy Commissioner of Canada.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-13, An Act respecting assisted human reproduction, (See *Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, November 19, 2002, Meeting No. 2*).

Bernard Dickens, Joan Bercovitch, Brent Windwick, Étienne Ouimette, and Cathy Parker made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:35 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:45, the sitting resumed.

Réal Ménard moved, -- That the Standing Committee on Health proceed with the striking of a steering committee made up of the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs and one representative each of the Canadian Alliance, the New Democratic Party and the Progressive Conservative Party. The Steering Committee would be responsible for planning the future work of the Committee and the dispatch of the Committee's routine business. Debate arose thereon.

Yolande Thibeault moved the following amendment, -- That the motion be amended by replacing the

words “one representative each of the Canadian Alliance, the New Democratic Party and the Progressive Conservative Party” with the words “the Parliamentary Secretary and one representative of the Canadian Alliance.” Debate arose thereon. After debate, the question was put on the amendment and it was negated by a show of hands.

YEAS: 3

NAYS: 5

Hedy Fry moved the following amendment, -- That the motion be amended by replacing the words “one representative each of the Canadian Alliance, the New Democratic Party and the Progressive Conservative Party” with the words “the Parliamentary Secretary and one representative of an opposition party to be decided amongst themselves.” Debate arose thereon. After debate, the question was put on the amendment and it was negated by a show of hands.

YEAS: 4

NAYS: 6

By unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

George Radwanski made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:36 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette

Clerk of the Committee

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HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, November 26, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-13, An Act respecting assisted human reproduction

WITNESSES:

Canadian Surrogacy Options:

Joanne Wright.

Infertility Network:

Diane Allen, Executive Director.

Regional Women's Health Centre of Sunnybrook and Women's College Health Sciences Centre:

Jan Silverman, Clinical Program Specialist, Infertility Support and Education Program.

As Individuals:

Kate Acs;

Tanya Constantine;

Peter Edney;

Alex Hunter;

Michael Koshan;

Les Kottler;
Ingo Kraemer;
Jennifer Kraeme;
Anita MacCallum;
Janet Prince;
Dana Roth Edney;
Alan Simpson;
Rebecca Simpson;
Shirley Solomon.



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, November 26, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 9:11 a.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, Stan Dromisky, The Hon. Hedy Fry, James Lunney, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Carol Skelton, Yolande Thibeault, Judy Wasylcyia-Leis.

Other Member present: Paul Szabo.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Sonya Norris and Monique Hébert, Research Officers.

Witnesses: By videoconference from Toronto, Ontario: *As Individual:* Kate Acs; Tanya Constantine; Dara Roth Edney; Peter Edney; Alex Hunter. *From the Infertility Support Network:* Diane Allen; Phyllis Creighton. *As Individual:* Jennifer Kraemer; Ingo Kraemer; Alan Simpson; Janet Prince. *From the Access to Parenthood through Assisted Reproduction Techniques:* Anita MacCallum; *From the Sunnybrook and Women's College Hospital, Health Sciences Centre:* Jan Silverman, Coordinator Infertility, Health Educator. *As Individual:* Michael Koshan; Shirley Solomon; Les Kottler. *From the Canadian Surrogacy Options:* Joanne Wright.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-13, An Act respecting assisted human reproduction, (See *Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, November 19, 2002, Meeting No. 2*).

The witnesses each made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:17 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 6

Tuesday, November 26, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-13, An Act respecting assisted human reproduction

WITNESSES:

Association of Canadian Academic Healthcare Organization:

Jack Kitts, Doctor and Member.

Canadian Institutes of Health Research:

Alan Bernstein, President.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

Tuesday, November 26, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, Stan Dromisky, The Hon. Hedy Fry, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Carol Skelton, Yolande Thibeault, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Other Member present: Paul Szabo

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Sonya Norris and Monique Hébert, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Institutes of Health Research: Alan Bernstein, President; Patricia Kosseim, Senior Ethics Policy Advisor. *From the Association of Canadian Academic Healthcare Organizations:* Jack Kitts, Member, President and CEO of the Ottawa Hospital.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-13, An Act respecting assisted human reproduction (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, November 19, 2002, Meeting No. 2*).

Alan Bernstein and Jack Kitts each made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette

Clerk of the Committee

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HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 7

Thursday, November 28, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-13, An Act respecting assisted human reproduction

WITNESSES:

Health Charities Council of Canada:

Chris Higgins, Director;

Yves Savoie, Member.

Robarts Research Institute:

Mick Bathia, Director of Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine, University of Western Ontario.

Sick Children's Hospital of Toronto:

Freda Miller, Senior Scientist and Professor.

University of Toronto:

Janet Rossant, Principal Researcher.



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

Thursday, November 28, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 10:25 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Stan Dromisky, The Hon. Hedy Fry, James Lunney, Judy Sgro, Carol Skelton, Yolande Thibeault.

Acting Members present: Maria Minna for Jeannot Castonguay, Mac Harb for Brenda Chamberlain, Diane St-Jacques for Hélène Scherrer, Philip Mayfield for Rob Merrifield.

Other Member present: Paul Szabo.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Sick Children's Hospital of Toronto: Freda Miller, Senior Scientist and Professor.
From the Robarts Research Institute: Mick Bathia, Scientist and Director of Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine, and Associate Professor, University of Western Ontario, Faculty of Medicine.
From the Health Charities Council of Canada: Yves Savoie, Committee Member; Chris Higgins, Director. *From the University of Toronto:* Janet Rossant, Principal Researcher.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-13, An Act respecting assisted human reproduction (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, November 19, 2002, Meeting No. 2*).

James Lunney moved, -- That the Committee take four regular meetings beginning Monday to address the Romanow Commission, followed by the return to Bill C-13 to hear witnesses and then proceed to clause by clause in an orderly fashion.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS

Rob Merrifield
Philip Mayfield
Carol Skelton – 3

NAYS

Stan Dromisky
Hedy Fry
Mac Harb

Maria Minna
Diane St-Jacques
Judy Sgro
Yolande Thibeault -- 7

Yolande Thibeault moved, -- That the Committee begin clause-by-clause study on Tuesday, December 3, that it continue on Wednesday, December 4, Thursday, December 5, and Monday, December 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., or later if necessary, on each of these days, in order to complete clause-by-clause study on Monday, December 9; and that on Tuesday, December 10, Wednesday, December 11, and Thursday, December 12, the Committee consider the Romanow Report.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

YEAS

Stan Dromisky
Hedy Fry
Mac Harb
Maria Minna
Diane St-Jacques
Judy Sgro
Yolande Thibeault -- 7

NAYS

Rob Merrifield
Philip Mayfield
Carol Skelton – 3

Hedy Fry moved, -- That the Committee allow each member to name a maximum of 2 witnesses to be invited to appear before the Committee on Monday, December 2, finances permitting.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

YEAS

Stan Dromisky
Hedy Fry
Mac Harb
Maria Minna
Diane St-Jacques
Judy Sgro
Yolande Thibeault -- 7

NAYS

Rob Merrifield
Philip Mayfield
Carol Skelton – 3

James Lunney moved, -- That regarding the Romanow Commission, the following witnesses be invited to appear as part of the four sessions to be held by the Health Committee before the adjournment of Parliament: Roy Romanow, Minister of Health, Provincial Governments, Canadian Medical Association, Canadian Federation of Nurses Unions, Canadian Nurses Association, Canadian Health Association, Canadian Health Coalition and the Canadian Labour Congress.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS

Rob Merrifield
Philip Mayfield
Carol Skelton -- 3

NAYS

Stan Dromisky
Hedy Fry
Mac Harb
Maria Minna
Diane St-Jacques
Judy Sgro
Yolande Thibeault -- 7

Judy Sgro moved, -- That the Standing Committee on Health agree to establish a sub-committee specifically mandated to develop recommendations toward a comprehensive national strategy to address the mental health needs of Canadians. Debate arose thereon.

On motion of Hedy Fry, it was agreed that the motion of Judy Sgro be allowed to stand.

At 10:45 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:05 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 8

Monday, December 2, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-13, An Act respecting assisted human reproduction

WITNESSES:

United Kingdom:

Suzi Leather, Chair, Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority.

University of Alberta:

Timothy Caulfield, Professor, Canada Research Chair in Health Law and Policy, Faculty of Law and Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry.

University of Calgary:

Sam Weiss, Professor, Department of Cell Biology and Anatomy.

As Individual:

Clement Persaud.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 8

Monday, December 2, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Stan Dromisky, James Munney, Rob Merrifield, Carol Skelton, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Other Member present: Paul Szabo.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Sonya Norris and Monique Hébert, Research Officers.

Witnesses: By Videoconference from London, United Kingdom: *From the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority:* Suzie Leather, Chair; Angela McNab, Chief Executive.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Wednesday, October 9, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-13, an Act respecting assisted human reproduction (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, November 19, 2002, Meeting No. 2*).

Suzie Leather made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:30 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:55 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Witnesses: As Individual: Clement Persaud. *From the University of Calgary:* Sam Weiss, Professor, Department of Cell Biology and Anatomy. *From the University of Alberta:* Timothy Caulfield, Canada Research Chair in Health Law and Policy, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law and Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 1:58 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette

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Meeting No. 9

Monday, December 2, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-13, An Act respecting assisted human reproduction

WITNESSES:

Coalition for an Open Model in Assisted Reproduction:

Catherine Clute, Spokesperson.

Infertility Connection (Edmonton, Alberta):

Irene Ryll, Spokesperson.

As Individuals:

Olivia Pratten;

Barry Stevens.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 9

Monday, December 2, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Rob Merrifield, Judy Sgro, Carol Skelton.

Other Member present: Paul Szabo.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Sonya Norris and Monique Hébert, Research Officers.

Witnesses: As Individual: Olivia Pratten; Barry Stevens. *From the Coalition for an Open Model in Assisted Reproduction:* Catherine Clute. *From The Infertility Connection (Edmonton, Alberta):* Irene Ryll.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Wednesday, October 9, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-13, An Act respecting assisted human reproduction (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, November 19, 2002, Meeting No. 2*).

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:24 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette

Clerk of the Committee

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HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, December 3, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-13, An Act respecting assisted human reproduction



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, December 3, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 9:27 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, Stan Dromisky, The Hon. Hedy Fry, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Judy Sgro, Carol Skelton, Yolande Thibeault, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Member present: Larry Bagnell for Hélène Scherrer

Other Member present: Paul Szabo.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Sonya Norris and Monique Hébert, Research Officers. *From the Committees Directorate:* Joann Garbig and Jeffrey LeBlanc, Legislative Clerks.

Witnesses: From the Department of Justice: Glenn Rivard, Senior Legal Counsel. *From the Department of Health:* Francine Manseau, Senior Policy Analyst, Health Policy and Communications Branch, Special Projects Division; Caroline Weber, Director General, Policy Planning and Priorities Directorate.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Wednesday, October 9, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-13, An Act respecting assisted human reproduction (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, November 19, 2002, Meeting No. 2*).

It was agreed, that the Committee adjourn, because the documents necessary to proceed to Clause-by-Clause consideration of the Bill were not ready.

At 9:31 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette

Clerk of the Committee

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 11

Tuesday, December 3, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-13, An Act respecting assisted human reproduction

WITNESSES:

Department of Justice Canada:

Glenn Rivard, Senior Legal Counsel.

Health Canada:

Caroline Weber, Director General, Policy, Planning and Priorities Directorate.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 11

Tuesday, December 3, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:47 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, Stan Dromisky, The Honourable Hedy Fry, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Carol Skelton, Yolande Drapeau, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting members present: Raymond Simard for Carolyn Bennett, Marlene Jennings for Carolyn Bennett, Raymond Simard for Judy Sgro.

Other Member present: Paul Szabo.

Guests in attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Sonya Norris and Monique Hébert, Research Officers. From the Committees Directorate: Joann Garbig and Jeffrey LeBlanc, Legislative Clerks.

Witnesses: From the Department of Justice: Glenn Rivard, Senior Legal Counsel. From the Department of Health: Francine Manseau, Senior Policy Analyst, Health Policy and Communications Branch, Special Projects Division; Caroline Weber, Director General, Policy Planning and Priorities Directorate.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Wednesday, October 9, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-13, An Act respecting assisted human reproduction (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, November 19, 2002, Meeting No. 2*).

The Committee proceeded to Clause-by-Clause consideration of the Bill.

Pursuant to Standing Order 75(1), consideration of Clause 1 is postponed.

On New Clause 1.1,

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13 be amended by adding after line 5 on page 1 the following:

“OBJECT

1.1 The object of this Act is to provide a national legislative framework for assisted human reproduction and the conduct of research using human reproductive material. It is to ensure that:

(a) the interests of children born from assisted human reproduction procedures are protected and are given paramount consideration;

(b) the interests of adults participating in assisted human reproduction procedures are protected and their participation is based on informed choice; and

(c) the interests of researchers and physicians are supported to the extent that they do not compromise the interests of these children and adults.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS

James Lunney
Rob Merrifield
Carol Skelton
Judy Wasylycia-Leis -- 4

NAYS

Jeannot Castonguay
Brenda Chamberlain
Stan Dromisky
Hedy Fry
Réal Ménard
Hélène Scherrer
Raymond Simard
Judy Sgro
Yolande Thibeault -- 9

On Clause 2,

Yolande Thibeault moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing lines 8 to 19 with the following:

“(a) the health and well-being of children
born through the application of assisted human reproductive
technologies must be given priority in all
decisions respecting their use;

(b) the benefits of assisted human reproductive
technologies and related research for
individuals, families and for society in general can be
most effectively secured by taking appropriate
measures for the protection and
promotion of human health, safety, dignity
and rights in the use of these technologies
and in related research;”

Rob Merrifield moved the following sub-amendment, -- That the amendment be amended in subsection b) by replacing the words “promotion of human health, safety, dignity” with the words “promotion of human life, health, safety, dignity”. After debate, the question being put on the sub-amendment of Rob Merrifield, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS

James Lunney
Rob Merrifield

Carol Skelton -- 3

NAYS

Jeannot Castonguay
Brenda Chamberlain
Stan Dromisky
Hedy Fry
Réal Ménard
Hélène Scherrer
Raymond Simard
Judy Sgro
Yolande Thibeault -- 10

Brenda Chamberlain moved, -- That whomever introduces a motion has an opportunity to speak for two minutes and each subsequent speaker has one minute to speak. After debate, by unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

Rob Merrifield moved the following sub-amendment, -- That the amendment be amended in section b) by replacing the words "and rights in the use of these technologies" with the words "and rights of Canadians in the use of these technologies". After debate, the question being put on the sub-amendment of Rob Merrifield, it was negatived.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment of Yolande Thibeault, it was adopted on division.

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 2, be amended by adding after line 15 on page 1 the following:

"(a.1) persons with disabilities can lead full and satisfying lives and enrich the lives of those around them;"

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible, because it went beyond the scope of the Bill.

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 2, be amended by adding after line 15 on page 1 the following:

"(a.2) human beings who are adopted can bring the same joy and happiness to their adoptive parents as those who are in the custody of their biological parents;"

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible, because it went beyond the scope of the Bill.

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing line 21 on page 1 with the following:

"technologies and related research, women more than men are"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by show of hands:

YEAS: 5

NAYS: 9

Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing line 23 on page 1 with the following:

"application and the health and well-being of women must be protected in the application of these technologies;"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted on division.

Réal Ménard moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 2, be amended by adding after line 27 on page 1 the following:

“(d.1) persons who undergo assisted reproduction procedures must not, in any case and for any reason, be the object of discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation or marital status; ”

Rob Merrifield moved the following sub-amendment, -- That the amendment be amended by adding the words “or disability” after the word “status”.

James Lunney moved, -- That the debate be adjourned on the amendment of Réal Ménard. The question being put on the motion, it was negatived.

By unanimous consent, the sub-amendment of Rob Merrifield was withdrawn.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment of Réal Ménard and the result of the vote was announced:

YEAS: 5

NAYS: 5

Whereupon, the Chair voted in the affirmative. Accordingly, the amendment was adopted.

At 5:38 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette

Clerk of the Committee

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 12

Wednesday, December 4, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-13, An Act respecting assisted human reproduction

WITNESSES:

Department of Health:

Rodney Ghali, Policy Analyst;

Francine Manseau, Senior Policy Analyst, Health Policy and Communications Branch;

Caroline Weber (Director General, Policy Planning and Priorities Directorate.

Department of Justice:

Glenn Rivard, Senior Legal Counsel.



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 12

Wednesday, December 4, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:50 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, Stan Dromisky, The Hon. Hedy Fry, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Carol Skelton, Yolande Thibeault, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Other Members present: Paul Szabo, Yvon Charbonneau.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Sonya Norris and Monique Hébert, Research Officers. From the Committees Directorate: Joann Garbig and Jeffrey LeBlanc, Legislative Clerks.

Witnesses: From the Department of Justice: Glenn Rivard, Senior Legal Counsel. From the Department of Health: Francine Manseau, Senior Policy Analyst, Health Policy and Communications Branch, Special Projects Division; Caroline Weber, Director General, Policy Planning and Priorities Directorate; Rodney Ghali, Policy Analyst, Policy Planning and Priorities Directorate.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Wednesday, October 9, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-13, An Act respecting assisted human reproduction (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, November 19, 2002, Meeting No. 2*).

The Committee resumed Clause-by-Clause consideration of the Bill.

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That the Committee postpone the meetings that were scheduled on Thursday, December 5, 2002, resuming Clause-by-Clause consideration of Bill C-13, to Tuesday, December 10, 2002.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was adopted on division.

On Clause 2,

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing line 28 on page 1 with the following:

“(e) trade in the reproductive capabilities of”

By unanimous consent, it was agreed to only replace the English version of the amendment.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted on division.

Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 2, be amended

(a) by replacing, in the English version, line 32 on page 1 with the following:

“justify their prohibition;”

(b) by replacing, in the English version, line 3 on page 2 with the following:

“preserved and protected; and”

(c) by adding after line 3 on page 2 the following:

“(g) the precautionary principle must be applied to the approval of all technologies used under the authority of this Act.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

By unanimous consent, Clause 2 was allowed to stand.

On Clause 3,

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 3, be amended by replacing lines 31 and 32 on page 2 with the following:

“(b) in relation to an *in vitro* embryo, each biological parent of the embryo.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands.

YEAS: 3

NAYS: 10

By unanimous consent, the following amendment of Réal Ménard to Clause 2 previously adopted was reconsidered:

That Bill C-13, in Clause 2, be amended by adding after line 27 on page 1 the following:

“(d.1) persons who undergo assisted reproduction procedures must not, in any case and for any reason, be the object of discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation or marital status; ”

Réal Ménard moved the following sub-amendment, -- That the amendment be amended to read as follows:

“(e) persons who seek to undergo assisted reproduction procedures must not be discriminated against, including on the basis of their sexual orientation or marital status; ”

After debate, the question being put on the sub-amendment, it was adopted on the following recorded division:

YEAS

Carolyn Bennett
Jeannot Castonguay
Stan Dromisky
Hedy Fry
Réal Ménard
Hélène Scherrer
Yolande Thibeault
Judy Wasylycia-Leis -- 9

NAYS

Brenda Chamberlain
James Lunney
Rob Merrifield
Judy Sgro
Carol Skelton -- 5

The amendment of Réal Ménard, as amended, was adopted.

Clause 2, as amended, was carried on the following recorded division:

YEAS

Carolyn Bennett
Jeannot Castonguay
Brenda Chamberlain
Stan Dromisky
Hedy Fry
Réal Ménard
Hélène Scherrer
Judy Sgro
Yolande Thibeault -- 9

NAYS

James Lunney
Rob Merrifield
Carol Skelton
Judy Wasylycia-Leis -- 4

On Clause 3,

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 3, be amended by replacing line 39 on page 2 with the following:

“purpose of creating another human being.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands:

YEAS: 3

NAYS: 8

Jeannot Castonguay moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 3, be amended by replacing lines 22 to 25 on page 3 with the following:

“tains a diploid set of chromosomes obtained from a single – living or deceased – human being, foetus or embryo.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted unanimously.

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 3, be amended by replacing line 28 on page 3 with the following:

“man gene, and includes a part or combination of any of”

By unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 3, be amended by adding after line 8 on page 4 the following:

““parent” means any donor contributing to a living human embryo.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negated by a show of hands:

YEAS: 3

NAYS: 8

Jeannot Castonguay moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 3, be amended by replacing lines 12 to 15 on page 4 with the following:

“who - with the intention of surrendering the child at birth to a donor or another person - carries an embryo or foetus that was conceived by means of an assisted reproduction procedure and derived from the genes of a donor or donors.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted on division.

Yolande Thibeault moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 3, be amended by replacing lines 13 to 15 on page 4 with the following:

“from the genes of a donor or donors.”

By unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Clause 3, as amended, carried.

Clause 4 carried.

On Clause 5,

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 5, be amended by replacing line 21 on page 4 with the following:

“(b) create an *in vitro* embryo without a licence for any”

By unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 5, be amended by replacing lines 22 to 24 on page 4 with the following:

“purpose other than creating a human being;”

The question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands.

YEAS: 3

NAYS: 10

Jeannot Castonguay moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 5, be amended by replacing line 31 on page 4 with the following:

“a female person after the fourteenth day of its”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted on division.

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 5, be amended by replacing lines 31 to 34 on page 4 with the following:

“a woman after the second year of its fertilization or creation;”

By unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 5, be amended by replacing line 6 on page 5 with the following:

“a sex-linked disorder or disease in accordance with the regulations;”

By unanimous consent, the amendment was allowed to stand.

James Lunney moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 5, be amended by adding after line 24 on page 5 the following:

“(k) import or export

(i) a sperm or ovum, or any part of one, for the purpose of creating an embryo, or

(ii) an *in vitro* embryo, for any purpose.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS

James Lunney
Rob Merrifield
Carol Skelton -- 3

NAYS

Carolyn Bennett
Jeannot Castonguay
Brenda Chamberlain
Stan Dromisky
Hedy Fry
Réal Ménard
Hélène Scherrer
Judy Sgro
Yolande Thibeault
Judy Wasylycia-Leis -- 10

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 5, be amended by replacing lines 21 to 24 on page 5 with the following:

“(j) create a hybrid for any purpose but that of testing gamete viability.”

The question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS

James Lunney
Rob Merrifield
Carol Skelton -- 3

NAYS

Carolyn Bennett
Jeannot Castonguay
Brenda Chamberlain
Stan Dromisky
Hedy Fry
Réal Ménard
Hélène Scherrer
Judy Sgro
Yolande Thibeault
Judy Wasylycia-Leis -- 10

Hedy Fry moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 6, be amended by replacing lines 31 to 34 on page 5 with the following:

“6. (1) A person who carries a pregnancy on behalf of an infertile couple shall be paid compensation, in an amount that the Agency considers reasonable, for the physical, emotional, physiological and medical risks associated with pregnancy.”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible, because it went against the intent of the Bill.

Jeannot Castonguay moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 6, be amended by

(a) replacing, in the English version, line 32 on page 5 with the following:

"a female person to be a surrogate mother",

(b) adding after line 10 on page 6 the following:

"(5) This section does not affect the validity under provincial law of any agreement under which a person agrees to be a surrogate mother."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted by a show of hands.

YEAS: 7

NAYS: 2

At 6:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette

Clerk of the Committee

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 13

Monday, December 9, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-13, An Act respecting assisted human reproduction

WITNESSES:

Department of Health:

Rodney Ghali, Science Policy Analyst, Special Projects Division;

Francine Manseau, Senior Policy Analyst, Special Projects Division, Health Policy and
Communications Branch;

Caroline Weber, Director General, Policy Planning and Priorities Directorate.

Department of Justice:

Glenn Rivard, Senior Legal Counsel.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 13

Monday, December 9, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 9:18 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Member(s) of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Carol Skelton, Yolande Thibeault, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Member(s) present: Marcel Proulx for Judy Sgro, Mac Harb for Hedy Fry, David Price for Carolyn Bennett, John Harvard for Hedy Fry, Ovid Jackson for Carolyn Bennett, Larry Bagnell for Judy Sgro, Mac Harb for Carolyn Bennett.

Other Member present: Paul Szabo

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Sonya Norris and Monique Hébert, Research Officers. *From the Committees Directorate:* Joann Garbig and Jeffrey LeBlanc, Legislative Clerks.

Witnesses: From the Department of Health: Francine Manseau, Senior Policy Analyst, Health Policy and Communications Branch, Special Projects Division; Caroline Weber, Director General, Policy Planning and Priorities Directorate; Rodney Ghali, Policy Analyst, Policy Planning and Priorities Directorate. *From the Department of Justice:* Glenn Rivard, Senior Legal Counsel.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Wednesday, October 9, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-13, An Act respecting assisted human reproduction (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, November 19, 2002, Meeting No. 2*).

The Committee resumed Clause-by-Clause consideration of the Bill.

Yolande Thibeault moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 6, be amended by replacing line 10 on page 6 with the following:

“female person is under 21 years of age.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted by a show of hands:

YEAS: 10

NAYS: 2

Clause 6, as amended, carried on division.

On Clause 7,

Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 7, be amended by replacing lines 11 to 14 on page 6 with the following:

“7. (1) No person shall

(a) purchase, offer to purchase or advertise for the purchase of sperm or ova; or

(b) sell, offer for sale or advertise for sale sperm or ova.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands:

YEAS: 5

NAYS: 6

Clause 7 carried.

On Clause 8,

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 8, be amended by replacing line 2 on page 7 with the following:

“embryo for any purpose unless the donors have”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands:

YEAS: 2

NAYS: 8

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 8, be amended by adding after line 4 on page 7 the following:

“(4) No licensee shall produce more embryos than are reasonably necessary to complete the reproductive procedure intended by the donors.”

James Lunney moved the following sub-amendment, -- That the amendment be amended by adding after the word “donors” the words “as prescribed by the regulations”.

After debate, the question being put on the sub-amendment and the result of the vote was announced:

YEAS: 5

NAYS: 5

Whereupon, the Chair voted in the affirmative. Accordingly, the sub-amendment was adopted.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment as amended, it was negatived by a show of hands:

YEAS: 5

NAYS: 6

Clause 8 carried.

Clause 9 carried.

On new Clause 9.1,

James Lunney moved, -- That Bill C-13 be amended by adding after line 11 on page 7 the following new clause:

“9.1 (1) In this section, “prohibited activity” means any activity described in sections 5 to 9.

(2) No person shall attempt to engage in any prohibited activity.

(3) Every person who, having an intent to engage in a prohibited activity, does or omits to do anything for the purpose of carrying out his or her intention is considered as having attempted to engage in the prohibited activity, whether or not it was possible under the circumstances to perform the prohibited activity.

(4) Every one is a party to engaging in a prohibited activity who

(a) actually performs it;

(b) does or omits to do anything for the purpose of aiding any person to perform it; or

(c) abets any person in performing it.

(5) Where two or more persons form an intention in common to carry out a prohibited activity and to assist each other therein, and any one of them, in carrying out the common purpose, performs the prohibited activity, each of them who know or ought to have known that engaging in the prohibited activity would be a probable consequence of carrying out the common purpose is a party to the prohibited activity.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands:

YEAS: 2

NAYS: 8

On Clause 10,

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 10, be amended by adding after line 20 on page 7 the following:

“(2.1) A license authorizing the use of an *in vitro* embryo for the purpose of research may be issued only if no other biological material can be used for the purpose of the proposed research with the promotion of healing therapies as its object.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands:

YEAS: 2

NAYS: 8

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 10, be amended by replacing lines 25 and 26 on page 7 with the following:

“the purpose of creating an embryo;

(b) an *in vitro* embryo, for any purpose; or

(c) anything for any purpose contrary to this Act.”

By unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 10, be amended by replacing line 26 on page 7 with the following:

“(b) an *in vitro* embryo, or any part of one, for any purpose.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands:

YEAS: 2

NAYS: 9

Clause 10 carried.

On Clause 11,

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 11, be amended by replacing lines 27 and 28 on page 7 with the following:

“11. (1) No person shall”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands:

YEAS: 2

NAYS: 9

Clause 11 carried.

On Clause 12,

Jeannot Castonguay moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 12, be amended by

(a) replacing line 10 on page 8 with the following:

“expense incurred by her in relation to”

(b) replacing line 13 on page 8 with the following:

“ture referred to in paragraph (1)(a) or (b) unless a”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment and the result of the recorded vote was announced:

YEAS

Jeannot Castonguay
Stan Dromisky
Mac Harb

David Price
Marcel Proulx
Hélène Scherrer -- 6

NAYS

Brenda Chamberlain
James Lunney
Réal Ménard
Rob Merrifield
Yolande Thibeault
Judy Wasylycia-Leis -- 6

Whereupon, the Chair voted in the negative. Accordingly, the amendment was negated.

At 11:10 a.m., the sitting was suspended

At 11:19 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 12, be amended by replacing line 15 on page 8 with the following:

“expenditure and that the expenditure is reasonable, necessary and directly related to the objects above.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negated by a show of hands:

YEAS: 4

NAYS: 5

Clause 12 carried.

Clause 13 carried.

On new Clause 13.1,

James Lunney moved, -- That Bill C-13 be amended by adding after line 20 on page 8 the following new clause:

“13.1 (1) In this section, “controlled activity” means an activity described in sections 10 to 13.

(2) No person shall attempt to engage in any controlled activity, except in accordance with the regulations and a licence.

(3) Every person who, having an intent to engage in a controlled activity, does or omits to do anything for the purpose of carrying out his or her intention is considered as having attempted to engage in the controlled activity, whether or not it was possible under the circumstances to perform the controlled activity.

(4) Every one is a party to engaging in a controlled activity who

- (a) actually performs it;
- (b) does or omits to do anything for the purpose of aiding any person to perform it; or
- (c) abets any person in performing it.

(4) Where two or more persons form an intention in common to carry out a controlled activity and to assist each other therein, and any one of them, in carrying out the common purpose, performs the controlled activity, each of them who know or ought to have known that engaging in the controlled activity would be a probable consequence of carrying out the common purpose is a party to the controlled activity.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands:

YEAS: 2

NAYS: 6

On Clause 14,

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 14, be amended by replacing line 3 on page 9 with the following:

“person and require the person to receive counselling; and”

By unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 14, be amended by replacing lines 1 to 3 on page 9 with the following:

“(b) ensure that the person receives professional counselling services in accordance with the regulations; and”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted by a show of hands:

YEAS: 6

NAYS: 1

Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 14, be amended

(a) by replacing, in the English version, line 3 on page 9 with the following:

“regulations;”

(b) by replacing, in the English version, line 6 on page 9 with the following:

“referred to in paragraph (a); and”

(c) by adding after line 6 on page 9 the following:

“(d) provide the person with information made available by the Agency in accordance with paragraph 19 (i) and in accordance with the regulations.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted on division.

Clause 14, as amended, carried on division.

On Clause 15,

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 15, be amended by replacing line 35 on page 9 with the following:

“licensee and the Agency the health reporting information in its”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was stood.

At 12:10 p.m., the sitting was suspended

At 12:40 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Jeannot Castonguay moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 15, be amended by replacing lines 10 to 12 on page 10 with the following:

“nor - shall not be disclosed without the donor's written consent.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was stood.

At 1:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette

Clerk of the Committee

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 14

Monday, December 9, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-13, An Act respecting assisted human reproduction

WITNESSES:

Department of Justice Canada:

Glenn Rivard, Senior Legal Counsel.

Health Canada:

Caroline Weber, Director General, Policy Planning and Priorities Directorate.



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 14

Monday, December 9, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:44 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Carol Skelton, Yolande Thibeault, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: John Finlay for Hedy Fry, Massimo Pacetti for Carolyn Bennett.

Other Member present: Paul Szabo.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Sonya Norris and Monique Hébert, Research Officers. *From the Committees Directorate:* Joann Garbig, Jeffrey LeBlanc, Legislative Clerks.

Witnesses: From the Department of Health: Francine Manseau, Senior Policy Analyst, Health Policy and Communications Branch, Special Projects Division; Caroline Weber, Director General, Policy Planning and Priorities Directorate. *From the Department of Justice:* Glenn Rivard, Senior Legal Counsel.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Wednesday, October 9, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-13, An Act respecting assisted human reproduction (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, November 19, 2002, Meeting No. 2*).

The Committee resumed Clause-by-Clause consideration on Clause 16 of the Bill.

Clause 16 carried on division.

On Clause 17,

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 17, be amended

(a) by replacing line 14 on page 11 with the following:

“17. (1) The Agency shall maintain a personal”

(b) by replacing lines 19 and 20 on page 11 with the following:

“procedures, persons conceived by means of those procedures and identification of all embryos created and destroyed.”

(c) by adding after line 20 on page 11 the following:

“(2) The Agency shall, within three months after the termination of each financial year, submit an annual report to Parliament on the activities of the Agency during that financial year, including statistics on the numbers of individual donors, types of donations, embryos created and destroyed, persons who undergo assisted reproduction procedures and persons conceived as a result, as well as research projects undertaken.

(3) All embryos produced and destroyed by licensees maintained on the registry of the Agency be identified by a standard formulaic name composed of the donor's names, rather than by number.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands:

YEAS: 3

NAYS: 7

Clause 17 carried on division.

On Clause 18,

Jeannot Castonguay moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 18, be amended by

(a) replacing line 32 on page 11 with the following:

“cy Act but subject to subsections (3) to (8),”

(b) replacing line 1 on page 13 with the following:

“(7) The Agency may disclose the identity of a donor to a physician if, in the Agency's opinion, the disclosure is necessary to address a risk to the health or safety of a person who has undergone an assisted reproduction procedure, was conceived by means of such a procedure or is a descendant of a person so conceived. The physician may not disclose that identity.

(8) The Agency may disclose health report-”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted on division.

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 18, be amended by

a) replacing line 9 on page 12 with the following:

“conceived, but, subject to subsection (3.1), the identity of the donor - or”

b) adding after line 13 on page 12 the following new clause:

“(3.1) The Agency shall disclose on request the identity of a donor to a person conceived by means of an assisted reproduction procedure using that donor's human reproductive material or in vitro embryo, or to their descendant, if the person or their descendant, as the case may be, is at least 18 years of age.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS

James Lunney
Rob Merrifield
Carol Skelton
Yolande Thibeault
Judy Wasylycia-Leis – 5

NAYS

Jeannot Castonguay
Stan Dromisky
John Finlay
Massimo Pacetti
Hélène Scherrer
Judy Sgro -- 6

Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 18, be amended by deleting lines 14 to 22 on page 12.

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Clause 18, as amended, carried on division.

On Clause 19,

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 19, be amended by replacing lines 9 and 10 on page 13 with the following:

“inspection by the public or for public hearings for licensing or for special issues any information that is pre-”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands:

YEAS: 3

NAYS: 7

Clause 19 carried on division.

On new Clause 19.1,

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13 be amended by adding after line 4 on page 14 the following new clause:

“19.1 All of the Agency's activities shall be reported in the public information registry unless specifically excluded by the Act.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands:

YEAS: 3

NAYS: 8

On Clause 20,

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 20, be amended by adding after line 11 on page 14 the following:

“(3) The Minister, in collaboration with provincial ministers of Health, shall take all required actions to encourage the development of uniform legislation across the country establishing the legal status of gamete donors in relation to children born as a result of their donation.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands:

YEAS: 4

NAYS: 8

Clause 20 carried on division.

On Clause 21,

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 21, be amended by replacing line 14 on page 14 with the following:

“body corporate that shall exercise powers and”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands:

YEAS: 4

NAYS: 7

Clause 21 carried on division.

On Clause 22,

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 22, be amended by replacing line 21 on page 14 with the following:

“(a) to protect and promote the life, health and”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible, because the Committee had already decided against a similar amendment in Clause 2.

Whereupon, Rob Merrifield appealed the decision of the Chair.

The question: “Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?” was put and the decision was sustained, by a show of hands:

YEAS: 7

NAYS: 4

Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 22, be amended

a) by replacing, in the English version, line 23 on page 14 with the following:

“rights, of Canadians,”

b) by replacing, in the English version, line 25 on page 14 with the following:

“principles; and”

c) by adding after line 25 on page 14 the following:

“(c) to inform the public of the causal factors that may lead to infertility and to implement programs and promote measures aimed at preventing the development of these factors,”

By unanimous consent, the amendment was allowed to stand.

By unanimous consent, Clause 22 was allowed to stand.

On new Clause 22.1,

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13 be amended by adding after line 27 on page 14 the following new clause:

“22.1 Where there is a conflict between ethical acceptability and scientific possibility, the ethically acceptable course of action shall prevail.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands:

YEAS: 4

NAYS: 7

Clause 23 carried.

On Clause 24,

Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 24, be amended by replacing line 31 on page 14 with the following:

“24. (1) The Agency shall”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands:

YEAS: 4

NAYS: 8

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 24, be amended by replacing line 16 on page 15 with the following:

“enforcement of this Act;

(g.1) develop a code of ethics based on the principles of its mandate;

(g.2) table an annual report in Parliament;

(g.3) prepare a strategic plan every three years to be approved by the Minister and Parliament; and”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands:

YEAS: 3

NAYS: 8

Clause 24 carried on division.

On Clause 25,

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 25, be amended by deleting lines 32 to 35 on page 15.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands:

YEAS: 3

NAYS: 7

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 25, be amended by adding after line 35 on page 15 the following:

“(1.1) Before a policy direction is issued to the Agency, the Minister shall lay the draft direction before each House of Parliament for comment and recommendation.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands:

YEAS: 3

NAYS: 7

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 25, be amended by replacing, in the English version, line 37 on page 15 with the following:

“shall not affect a matter that is before the”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands:

YEAS: 3

NAYS: 7

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 25, be amended by deleting lines 40 to 42 on page 15.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands:

YEAS: 3

NAYS: 8

Clause 25 carried on division.

At 5:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette

Clerk of the Committee

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, December 10, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-13, An Act respecting assisted human reproduction

WITNESSES:

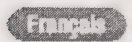
Department of Justice Canada:

Glenn Rivard, General Counsel, Legal Services Unit, Health Canada.

Health Canada:

Francine Manseau, Senior Policy Analyst, Health Policy and Communications Branch;

Caroline Weber, Director General, Policy Planning and Priorities Directorate.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, December 10, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 9:25 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, The Hon. Hedy Fry, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Carol Skelton, Yolande Thibeault, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Paddy Torsney for Carolyn Bennett, Yvon Charbonneau for Stan Dromisky, David Price for Stan Dromisky, Diane St-Jacques for Carolyn Bennett, Paddy Torsney for Stan Dromisky.

Other Member present: Paul Szabo.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Sonya Norris and Monique Hébert, Research Officers. *From the Committees Directorate:* Joann Garbig, Jeffrey LeBlanc, Legislative Clerks.

Witnesses: From the Department of Health: Francine Manseau, Senior Policy Analyst, Health Policy and Communications Branch, Special Projects Division; Caroline Weber, Director General, Policy Planning and Priorities Directorate. *From the Department of Justice:* Glenn Rivard, Senior Legal Counsel.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Wednesday, October 9, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-13, An Act respecting assisted human reproduction (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, November 19, 2002, Meeting No. 2*).

The Committee resumed Clause-by-Clause consideration on Clause 26 of the Bill.

A point of order was raised and debate arose regarding the procedural admissibility of an amendment on Clause 18 moved by Rob Merrifield, which was negatived at the previous meeting, because it was not available in writing in both official languages.

Réal Ménard moved, -- That the following amendment of Rob Merrifield be reconsidered on the grounds of procedural admissibility:

-- That Bill C-13, in Clause 18, be amended by

a) replacing line 9 on page 12 with the following:

“conceived, but, subject to subsection (3.1), the identity of the donor - or”

b) adding after line 13 on page 12 the following new clause:

“(3.1) The Agency shall disclose on request the identity of a donor to a person conceived by means of an assisted reproduction procedure using that donor’s human reproductive material or in vitro embryo, or to their descendant, if the person or their descendant, as the case may be, is at least 18 years of age.”

By unanimous consent, it was agreed that the Chair’s ruling regarding the reconsideration of the amendment be allowed to stand until the next meeting.

On Clause 26,

Réal Ménard moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 26, be amended by replacing lines 1 and 2 on page 16 with the following:

“(2) The membership of the board of directors must reflect a range of”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 26, be amended by replacing line 2 on page 16 with the following:

“tors must be chosen for their wisdom and judgment, so far as possible, and reflect a range of”

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 26, be amended by replacing lines 3 and 4 on page 16 with the following:

“backgrounds and disciplines that are relevant to the Agency’s objectives and that will enable them to best serve the interests of Canadians.”

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 26, be amended by replacing line 4 on page 16 with the following:

“Agency’s objectives. The membership shall always include at least one person nominated by the deputy ministers of the departments responsible for health in the provinces.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands:

YEAS: 5

NAYS: 7

Réal Ménard moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 26, be amended by adding after line 4 on page 16 the following:

“(2.1) Each province shall be represented by a director.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands:

YEAS: 3**NAYS: 6**

Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 26, be amended by adding after line 4 on page 16 the following:

“(2.1) The membership of the board of directors shall be appointed in such a manner as to maintain a minimum of 50 per cent representation by women.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted by a show of hands:

YEAS: 8**NAYS: 2**

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 26, be amended by adding after line 7 on page 16 the following:

“(3.1) All members of the board of directors shall be subject to the same code of conduct and conflict of interest provisions as the President of the Agency.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands:

YEAS: 3**NAYS: 7**

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 26, be amended by replacing line 18 on page 16 with the following:

“is eligible for one consecutive reappointment.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands.

YEAS: 3**NAYS: 7**

Jeannot Castonguay moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 26, be amended by adding after line 24 on page 16 the following:

“(8) A person is not eligible to be a member of the board of directors if they hold a licence or are an applicant for a licence or a director, officer, shareholder or partner of a licensee or applicant for a licence.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted on division.

Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 26, be amended by adding after line 24 on page 16 the following:

“(8) No member of the board of directors shall, directly or indirectly, as owner, shareholder, director, officer, partner or otherwise, have any pecuniary or proprietary interest in any business which operates in industries whose products or services are used in the reproductive technologies regulated or controlled by this Act.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment and the result of the recorded vote was announced:

YEAS

Brenda Chamberlain
James Lunney
Rob Merrifield
Carol Skelton
Yolande Thibeault
Judy Wasylycia-Leis -- 6

NAYS

Jeannot Castonguay
Hedy Fry
David Price
Hélène Scherrer
Judy Sgro
Paddy Torsney -- 6

Whereupon, the Chair voted in the affirmative.

Accordingly, the amendment was adopted.

Clause 26, as amended, carried on division.

Clause 27 carried on division.

Clause 28 carried on division.

Clause 29 carried on division.

On Clause 30,

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 30, be amended by replacing lines 15 to 19 on page 17 with the following:

“operational policies; and

(c) the approval of the Agency’s budget.”

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Clause 30 carried.

On new Clause 30.1,

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13 be amended by adding after line 19 on page 17 the following new clause:

“30.1 The Auditor General shall evaluate the Agency’s performance and table a report in respect thereof annually in both Houses of Parliament.”

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Clause 31 carried.

On Clause 32,

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 32, be amended by replacing lines 26 and 27 on page 17 with the following:

“the Agency's powers and duties to a committee of the board, including powers and duties”

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was allowed to stand.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed that the following amendment be allowed to stand:

That Bill C-13, in Clause 32, be amended by replacing line 32 on page 17 with the following:

“its power to make a decision under subsection 40(2) or any of its powers or duties with respect to the”

By unanimous consent, Clause 32 was allowed to stand.

At 10:52 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:09 a.m., the sitting resumed.

On Clause 33,

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 33, be amended by adding after line 4 on page 18 the following:

“(4) In establishing advisory panels, the board shall ensure that the following groups are fully represented: the users of assisted human reproductive technologies and children born with the assistance of such technologies, people with disabilities, the scientific and medical communities, the faith communities, professional ethicists and representatives of research ethics boards, private sector providers of services and private research firms, taxpayers and their representatives, and delegates of the provincial and territorial governments.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands:

YEAS: 3

NAYS: 4

Clause 33 carried on division.

Clause 34 carried.

Clause 35 carried.

Clause 36 carried.

Clause 37 carried.

Clause 38 carried.

On Clause 39,

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 39, be amended by adding after line 34 on page 19 the following:

“(4) The Agency shall be adequately funded under separate appropriations voted by Parliament.

(5) The Agency shall not be subject to the federal government's cost recovery policy.”

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Clause 39 carried.

On Clause 40,

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 40, be amended by adding after line 40 on page 19 the following:

“(1.1) No licence shall be issued unless the application for the licence is accompanied by an approval from a reputable ethics board.”

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 40, be amended by replacing lines 4 and 5 on page 20 with the following:

“no other biological material can be used for the purpose of the proposed research with the promotion of healing therapies as its object.”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible, because the Committee had already decided against a similar amendment in Clause 10.

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 40, be amended by replacing line 7 on page 20 with the following:

“considers sufficient, according to established research conventions, may be issued in respect”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negated by a show of hands:

YEAS: 3

NAYS: 5

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 40, be amended by adding after line 25 on page 20 the following:

“(7) All documents and other materials filed in connection with an application for a licence and all documents produced by the Agency in connection with an application shall, on request, be made

available to the public. All licensing hearings shall be held in public.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Yolande Thibeault moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 40, be amended by adding after line 25 on page 20 the following:

“(7) The Agency may not apply a policy of cost recovery to the issuance of licences.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted by a show of hands:

YEAS: 6

NAYS: 4

Clause 40, as amended, carried.

Clause 41 carried.

Clause 42 carried.

On Clause 43,

Jeannot Castonguay moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 43, be amended by

(a) replacing lines 1 to 5 on page 21 with the following:

“(2) Subject to subsection (3), the Agency shall, on request, disclose the information and observations provided under subsection (1) unless the disclosure would, in the Agency's opinion, pose a risk to the health or safety of any person.”

(b) replacing lines 13 and 14 with the following:

“not be disclosed except to an applicant or licensee who, in”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted on division.

Clause 43, as amended, carried.

Clause 44 carried.

At 11:56 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:20 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Clause 45 carried on division.

Clause 46 carried on division.

Clause 47 carried on division.

Clause 48 carried on division.

Clause 49 carried on division.

Clause 50 carried on division.

Clause 51 carried on division.

Clause 52 carried on division.

Clause 53 carried on division.

On Clause 54,

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 54, be amended

(a) by replacing line 10 on page 26 with the following:

“the donors, in the case of human reproduc-”

(b) by replacing line 17 on page 26 with the following:

“donors or responsible person.”

(c) by replacing line 20 on page 26 with the following:

“Agency may return the material to the donors”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible, because the Committee had already decided on this issue in Clause 3.

Clause 54 carried on division.

Clause 55 carried on division.

Clause 56 carried on division.

Clause 57 carried on division.

On Clause 58,

Réal Ménard moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 58, be amended by replacing line 13 on page 27 with the following:

“58. The Agency shall enter into agreements”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands:

YEAS: 1

NAYS: 9

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 58, be amended by replacing line 17 on page 27 with

the following:

“enforcement of this Act. The Agency shall not enter into enforcement agreements with any non-governmental organization.”

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Clause 58 carried on division.

Clause 59 carried on division.

On new Clause 59.1,

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13 be amended by adding after line 23 on page 27 the following new clause:

“59.1 All equivalency and enforcement agreements are subject to the following safeguards:

(a) the Minister is accountable to Parliament for all equivalency and enforcement agreements;

(b) the public shall be actively consulted on draft agreements before they are finalized;

(c) all draft agreements, together with the comments made by the public, shall be tabled in both Houses of Parliament for comments and recommendations;

(d) the text of all final agreements shall be included in the public information registry established by this Act;

(e) all agreements shall be subject to termination or revocation upon reasonable written notice given by either party; and

(f) as a condition precedent to the signing of an agreement, a government that enters into an agreement with the federal government must agree to comply with the same reporting requirements that apply at the federal level and to transmit the related data to the Agency for inclusion in the federal personal health information registry and the public information registry.”

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was allowed to stand.

On Clause 60,

James Lunney moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 60, be amended by replacing line 25 on page 27 with the following:

“sections 5 to 9 or attempts, or is a party to, a prohibited activity is guilty of an offence and”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible, because the Committee had already decided against a similar amendment in Clause 13.

Clause 60 carried on division.

On Clause 61,

Jeannot Castonguay moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 61, be amended by replacing lines 36 and 37 on page 27 with the following:

“the regulations is guilty of an offence and”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 61, as amended, carried.

Clause 62 carried on division.

Clause 63 carried on division.

Clause 64 carried on division.

On Clause 65,

Yolande Thibeault moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 65, be amended by replacing line 3 on page 29 with the following:

“reimbursed under a licence and the maximum number of times that either donors of human reproductive material or surrogate mothers may be reimbursed;”

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 65, be amended by adding after line 42 on page 29 the following:

“(p.1) prescribing limits on the number of children that may be born by means of the same gamete donor and the number of donations that may be made by the same gamete donor;”

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Jeannot Castonguay moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 65, be amended by

(a) adding after line 7 on page 29 the following:

“(g) respecting the number of children that may be created from the gametes of one donor through the application of assisted reproduction procedures;”

(b) relettering the subsequent paragraphs accordingly

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 65, be amended by

a) adding after line 39 on page 29 the following:

“(p) respecting the providing of information under paragraph 14 (2) (d);”

b) relettering the subsequent paragraphs accordingly

The Chair ruled that this amendment was consequential to an amendment that the Committee had already adopted in Clause 14. Therefore, the amendment of Judy Wasylycia-Leis was adopted without a vote.

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 65, be amended by replacing lines 25 to 33 on page 30 with the following:

“embryo or foetus; and

(y) for the purposes of section 71, fixing a day.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands:

YEAS: 3

NAYS: 7

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 65, be amended by adding after line 25 on page 30 the following:

“(x.1) respecting the maximum number of ova that may be harvested and fertilized for *in vitro* fertilization purposes;

(x.2) respecting the maximum number of embryos that may be produced, stored and transferred for *in vitro* fertilization procedures;

(x.3) respecting the maximum number of times a patient should be offered a specified procedure;

(x.4) respecting the counselling services to be provided to donors and recipients of treatment;

(x.5) respecting the maximum number of children that may be produced from a single gamete donor;

(x.6) respecting the eligibility requirements of donors and recipients of gametes or embryos;

(x.7) respecting the known pre-existing heritable genetic diseases or conditions in relation to which pre-implantation genetic diagnosis is permitted;”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands:

YEAS: 1

NAYS: 8

Clause 65, as amended, carried on division.

At 1:36 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette

Clerk of the Committee

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, December 10, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

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WITNESSES:

Department of Justice Canada:

Glenn Rivard, Senior Legal Counsel.

Health Canada:

Francine Manseau, Senior Policy Analyst, Special Projects Division, Health Policy and Communications Branch;

Caroline Weber, Director General, Policy Planning and Priorities Directorate.



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, December 10, 2002

The Standing Committee on Health met at 4:14 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Stan Dromisky, The Hon. Hedy Fry, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Judy Sgro, Carol Skelton, Yolande Thibeault, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Mark Eyking for Carolyn Bennett, Diane St-Jacques for Brenda Chamberlain, Marlene Jennings for Judy Sgro, Paddy Torsney for Brenda Chamberlain.

In attendance: *From the Library of Parliament:* Nancy Miller Chenier, Sonya Norris and Monique Hébert, Research Officers. *From the Committees Directorate:* Joann Garbig, Jeffrey LeBlanc, Legislative Clerks.

Witnesses: *From the Department of Health:* Francine Manseau, Senior Policy Analyst, Health Policy and Communications Branch, Special Projects Division; Caroline Weber, Director General, Policy Planning and Priorities Directorate. *From the Department of Justice:* Glenn Rivard, Senior Legal Counsel.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Wednesday, October 9, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-13, An Act respecting assisted human reproduction (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, November 19, 2002, Meeting No. 2*).

The Committee resumed Clause-by-Clause consideration on Clause 66 of the Bill.

The Chair gave her ruling regarding the point of order raised by Réal Ménard at the previous meeting.

RULING BY THE CHAIR

With regard to the moving of motions or amendments, the practices in Committee are similar to the practices in the House. Whenever notice is not required, a Member may move a motion in one language and submit it in writing. After the Chair is satisfied that the motion is admissible, the motion is proposed to the Committee by being read aloud by the Chair. In this case, the Chair asked Mr. Rivard, the witness from the Department of Justice, to read it aloud.

Standing Order 46 also states that any Member may request that a motion proposed without notice be read at any time during debate. This ensures that the essence of the motion is clearly understood and that it is available in the other language through the simultaneous interpretation services.

In this particular instance, the amendment was proposed without notice during an animated debate on clause 18. Mr. Ménard claims that there may have been some confusion or some misunderstanding

regarding the intent of the amendment because it was proposed in such a fashion. The Chair is extremely reluctant to reopen decisions already taken by the Committee as this could severely limit the progress the Committee has made on the bill. The Chair has the authority to enforce order in the Committee, but feels that the proceedings were conducted in an orderly manner and that the Chair did have unanimous consent to proceed in that manner. Had any Member present been unclear as to the intent of the amendment, they could have requested that it be read again. The decision of the committee taken at that time therefore stands.

By unanimous consent, Clause 65, as amended, previously carried, was reconsidered.

On Clause 65,

Stan Dromisky moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 65, be amended by replacing lines 38 and 39 on page 29 with the following:

“(o) respecting the counselling services referred to in paragraph 14(2)(b);”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 65, as amended, carried on division.

On Clause 66,

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 66, be amended by replacing lines 16 to 20 on page 31 with the following:

“Parliament shall be referred to the Standing Committee on Health. The committee shall review the proposed regulation and report its findings to each House. The Minister shall take these findings into account before making any regulation.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted by a show of hands:

YEAS: 7

NAYS: 5

Jeannot Castonguay moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 66, be amended by replacing lines 21 to 28 on page 31 with the following:

“(3) A regulation may not be made before the earliest of

(a) 30 sitting days after the proposed regulation is laid before Parliament,

(b) 120 calendar days after the proposed regulation is laid before Parliament, and

(c) the day after the appropriate committee of each House of Parliament has reported its findings with respect to the proposed regulation.”

Judy Sgro moved, -- That amendment be amended by replacing the words “120 calendar days” with the words “160 calendar days”.

The question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment of Jeannot Castonguay, as amended, it was adopted.

By unanimous consent, Clause 66 was allowed to stand.

On Clause 67,

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 67, be amended by replacing line 46 on page 31 with the following:

“ly in order to protect the life, health or safety of”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible, because the Committee had already decided against a similar amendment in Clause 2.

Clause 67 carried on division.

On Clause 68,

Réal Ménard moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 68, be amended by deleting lines 19 to 21 on page 32.

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Jeannot Castonguay moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 68, be amended by replacing lines 29 and 30 on page 32 with the following:

“a licensee under this Act, and sections 17 and 18 apply in respect of that health reporting”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 68, as amended, carried.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed that the amendment of Rob Merrifield to new Clause 59.1, which was allowed to stand at the previous meeting, would be moved as new Clause 68.1.

On new Clause 68.1,

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13 be amended by adding after line 37 on page 32 the following new clause:

“68.1 All equivalency and enforcement agreements are subject to the following safeguards:

(a) the Minister is accountable to Parliament for all equivalency and enforcement agreements;

(b) the public shall be actively consulted on draft agreements before they are finalized;

(c) all draft agreements, together with the comments made by the public, shall be tabled in both Houses of Parliament for comments and recommendations;

(d) the text of all final agreements shall be included in the public information registry established by this Act;

(e) all agreements shall be subject to termination or revocation upon reasonable written notice given by either party; and

(f) as a condition precedent to the signing of an agreement, a government that enters into an agreement with the federal government must agree to comply with the same reporting requirements that apply at the federal level and to transmit the related data to the Agency for inclusion in the federal personal health information registry and the public information registry.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands:

YEAS: 5

NAYS: 7

Clause 69 carried.

On Clause 70,

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 70, be amended by replacing line 14 on page 33 with the following:

“every three years after the coming into force”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands:

YEAS: 5

NAYS: 6

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 70, be amended by adding after line 28 on page 33 the following:

“(3) No person shall experiment on or harvest an embryo until the first review under subsection (1) has been completed and a report has been submitted in accordance with subsection (2).”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible, because it went beyond the scope of the clause.

Clause 70 carried on division.

On Clause 71,

James Lunney moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 71, be amended by replacing line 36 on page 33 with the following:

“only until six months after this Act comes into force and, thereafter, only with a licence.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands:

YEAS: 2

NAYS: 8

Clause 71 carried on division.

On new Clause 71.1,

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13 be amended by adding after line 36 on page 33 the following new clause:

“AMENDMENT TO THE PATENT ACT

71.1 Section 27 of the *Patent Act* is amended by adding the following after subsection (8):

(9) No patent shall be granted for humans or human materials.”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible, because it went beyond the scope of the bill.

Clause 72 carried on division.

Clause 73 carried on division.

Clause 74 carried on division.

Clause 75 carried on division.

Clause 76 carried on division.

Clause 77 carried on division.

Clause 78 carried on division.

The Committee proceeded to Clause 5, which was previously stood.

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 5, be amended by replacing line 6 on page 5 with the following:

“a sex-linked disorder or disease in accordance with the regulations;”

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Clause 5, as amended, carried.

The Committee proceeded to Clause 15, which was previously stood.

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 15, be amended by adding after line 43 on page 9 the following:

“(3.1) A licensee who transfers an in vitro embryo to another licensee shall notify the Agency of the transfer in accordance with the regulations.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Jeannot Castonguay moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 15, be amended by replacing lines 10 to 12 on

page 10 with the following:

“nor - shall not be disclosed without the donor's written consent.”

The question being put on the amendment, it was adopted by a show of hands:

YEAS: 9

NAYS: 3

Clause 15, as amended, carried on division.

The Committee proceeded to Clause 22, which was previously stood.

By unanimous consent, the amendment of Judy Wasylycia-Leis in Clause 22, which was previously allowed to stand, was withdrawn.

Clause 22 carried.

By unanimous consent, Clause 24, previously carried, was reconsidered.

On Clause 24,

Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 24, be amended by replacing line 11 on page 15 with the following:

“the professions respecting risk factors associated with infertility and assisted human”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted on division.

Clause 24, as amended, carried on division.

The Committee proceeded to Clause 32, which was previously stood.

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 32, be amended by replacing lines 26 and 27 on page 17 with the following:

“the Agency's powers and duties to a committee of the board, including powers and duties”

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 32, be amended by:

a) replacing line 29 on page 17 with the following:

“under sections 44, 46, 52, 54, 55, 58, 59.”

b) replacing line 32 on page 17 with the following:

“its power to make a decision under sections 40, 41 and 42 or any of its powers or duties with respect to the”

Paddy Torsney moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 32, be amended by replacing lines 26 and 27 on page 17 with the following:

“the Agency's powers and duties to a committee of the board or”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted on division.

Clause 32, as amended, carried on division.

By unanimous consent, Clause 66, as amended, previously carried was reconsidered.

By unanimous consent, the amendment of Rob Merrifield in Clause 66, was rescinded.

By unanimous consent, the amendment of Jeannot Castonguay in Clause 66, was rescinded.

Hélène Scherrer moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 66, be amended

a) by replacing line 16 on page 31 with the following:

“Parliament shall be referred to an appropriate”

b) by adding after line 20 on page 31 the following:

“(2.1) The committee of the House of Commons referred to in subsection 66(2) shall be the Standing Committee on Health or, in the event that there is not a Standing Committee on Health, the appropriate committee of the House.”

c) by replacing lines 21 to 28 on page 31 with the following:

“(3) A regulation may not be made before the earliest of

(a) 30 sitting days after the proposed regulation is laid before Parliament,

(b) 160 calendar days after the proposed regulation is laid before Parliament, and

(c) the day after the appropriate committee of each House of Parliament has reported its findings with respect to the proposed regulation.”

d) by replacing line 29 on page 31 with the following:

“(4) The Minister shall take into account any report of the committee of either House. If a regulation does not incorporate a”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 66, as amended, carried.

The Committee proceeded to Clause 1, which was previously stood.

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13, in Clause 1, be amended by replacing line 5 on page 1 with the following:

“Human Reproduction and Related Research Act.”

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Clause 1 carried.

On the Title,

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-13 be amended by replacing the long title on page 1 with the following:

“An Act respecting assisted human reproductive technologies and related research”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

The Title, as amended, carried.

The Bill, as amended, carried on division.

ORDERED, -- That Bill C-13, An Act respecting assisted human reproduction, as amended, be reprinted for the use of the House of Commons at Report Stage.

ORDERED, -- That the Chair report Bill C-13 with amendments to the House as the First Report of the Committee.

It was agreed, that this be the last meeting of the Committee before Christmas.

At 6:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No 17

Monday, January 27, 2003

IN CAMERA





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Meeting No. 17

Monday, January 27, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met *in camera* at 3:43 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Stan Dromisky, The Hon. Hedy Fry, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Carol Skelton, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

The Committee considered matters related to its future business.

It was agreed, that a session on issues concerning synthetic insulin would be organized on Monday, February 3, 2003.

It was agreed, that the study of Bill C-260, referred to the Committee on November 28, 2002, would begin on Wednesday, February 5, 2003.

It was agreed, that former Commissioner Roy Romanow and the organizers of *The People's Summit on Health Care* would be invited to appear before the Committee on Monday, February 10, 2003.

At 4:50 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 18

Monday, February 3, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Session on issues concerning synthetic insulin

WITNESSES:

Department of Health:

Julia Hill, Acting Director General, Biologics and Genetic Therapies Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch;

Georges Nadon, Pharmaceutical Consultant, Non-Insured Health Benefits Program, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch.

Supriya Sharma, Director, Marketed Biological and Biotechnology Products Division, Marketed Health Products Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch;

Maureen Thompson, Manager, Diabetes Program, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch.

Society for Diabetic Rights:

Colleen Fuller, President;

Brenda Johnson, Vice-President.

University of Ottawa:

Jan T. Braaten, Doctor, Endocrinologist and Associate Professor, Faculty of Medicine.



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Meeting No. 18

Monday, February 3, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met in a video recorded session at 3:42 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Brenda Chamberlain, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Carol Skelton, Yolande Thibeault, Greg Thompson, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Member present: Larry Spencer for James Lunney

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Society for Diabetic Rights: Colleen Fuller, President; Brenda Johnson, Vice-President. *From the University of Ottawa:* Jan T. Braaten, Endocrinologist, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine. *From the Department of Health:* Julia Hill, Acting Director General, Biologics and Genetic Therapies Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch; Harold Rode, Acting Manager, Vaccines Division, Health Products and Food Branch; Ian MacKay, Unit Head, Special Access Unit, Clinical Trials and Special Access Programme, Senior Medical Advisor Bureau, Therapeutic Products Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch; Supriya Sharma, Director, Marketed Biologicals and Biotechnology Products Division, Marketed Health Products Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch; Maureen Thompson, Manager, Diabetes Program, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch; Georges Nadon, Pharmaceutical Consultant, Non-Insured Health Benefits Program, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee held a session on issues concerning synthetic insulin.

Colleen Fuller, Jan Braaten and Julia Hill made statements and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 19

Monday, February 10, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Session on issues concerning synthetic insulin

WITNESSES:

Assembly of First Nations:

Elaine Johnston, Director, Health Secretariat.

Canadian Health Coalition:

Kathleen Connors, Chairperson;

Michael McBane, National Co-ordinator.

Canadian Labour Congress:

Barb Byers, Executive Vice-President.

Canadian Union of Public Employees:

Judy Darcy, President;

Claude G  n  reux, National Secretary Treasurer.

Council of Canadians:

Maude Barlow, Chairperson;

Anil Naidoo, Campaigner.



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Meeting No. 19

Monday, February 10, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Stan Dromisky, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Jeannot Castonguay, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Svend Robinson, Hélène Scherrer, Carol Skelton and Yolande Thibeault.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Union of Public Employees: Judy Darcy, President; Claude Généreux, National Secretary Treasurer. *From the Canadian Labour Congress:* Barb Byers, Executive Vice President; Cindy Wiggins, Senior Researcher, Social and Economic Policy Department. *From the Canadian Health Coalition:* Kathleen Connors, Chairperson; Michael McBane, National Co-ordinator. *From the Council of Canadians:* Maude Barlow, Chairperson; Anil Naidoo, Campaigner. *From the Assembly of First Nations:* Elaine Johnston, Director, Health Secretariat.

Carol Skelton moved, -- That this Committee immediately invite Canadian Blood Services to appear to discuss West Nile Virus' impact on the safety and supply of Canada's national blood system for the summer of 2003.

Yolande Thibeault moved, -- That consideration of the motion be postponed. The question was put on the motion and it was, by a show of hands, adopted.

YEAS: 5

NAYS: 3

Carol Skelton moved, -- That this Committee immediately convene hearings into the special health needs of northern and remote communities, especially those needs related to their unique funding requirements.

Yolande Thibeault moved, -- That consideration of the motion be postponed. The question was put on the motion and it was, by a show of hands, adopted.

YEAS: 5

NAYS: 3

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee held a session on the People's Summit on Health Care.

Elaine Johnston, Maude Barlow, Kathleen Connors, Michael McBane, Judy Darcy and Barb Byers made statements and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette

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Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 20

Wednesday, February 12, 2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-260, An Act to amend the Hazardous Products Act (fire-safe cigarettes)

Future business in camera

WITNESSES:

Department of Health:

Marta Caris, Director, Consumer Product Safety;

Denis Choinière, Director, Office of Regulations and Compliance, Tobacco Control Program, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch;

Hélène Goulet, Director General, Tobacco Control Program, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch.

House of Commons:

John McKay, Lib., Member from *Scarborough East*.



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Meeting No. 20

Wednesday, February 12, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, The Hon. Hedy Fry, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Svend Robinson, Hélène Scherrer, Carol Skelton and Yolande Thibeault.

Acting Members present: Claude Duplain for Yolande Thibeault and Judy Longfield for Raymonde Folco.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: John McKay, Scarborough East. *From the Department of Health:* Marta Caris, Acting Director, Bureau of Pharmaceutical Assessment; Hélène Goulet, Director, Strategies and Systems for Health Directorate, Health Issues Division; Denis Choinière, Acting Coordinator, Regulatory and Compliance Program, Office of Tobacco Control.

The Order of Reference dated Thursday, November 28, 2002, being now read as follows:

ORDERED, -- That Bill C-260, "An Act to amend the Hazardous Products Act (fire-safe cigarettes)" was deemed read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Health.

The Chair called Clause 1.

John McKay, Hélène Goulet and Denis Choinière made statements and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:15 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

At 5:25 p.m. the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

The Committee resumed consideration of matters related to its future business.

At 6:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No 21

Monday, February 17, 2003

IN CAMERA



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Meeting No. 21

Monday, February 17, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met *in camera* at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Stan Dromisky, Raymonde Folco, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Svend Robinson and Carol Skelton.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

The Committee resumed consideration of matters related to its future business.

It was agreed, -- That the Committee adopt the proposed workplan for the coming months.

It was agreed, -- That the Committee commence a study on prescription drugs before the summer recess.

At 4:50 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette

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Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 22

Wednesday, February 19, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Session on the safety of the blood supply in Canada as it relates to the West Nile Virus

WITNESSES:

Canadian Blood Services:

Graham Sher, Doctor; Chief Executive Officer;

Stephen Vamvakas, Doctor, Executive Vice-President, Medical, Scientific and Research Affairs.

Department of Health:

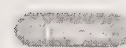
Peter Ganz, Doctor; Director, Biologics and Radiopharmaceutical Evaluation Centre, Biologics and Genetic Therapies Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch;

Julia Hill, Acting Director General, Biologics and Genetic Therapies Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch;

Howard Njoo Doctor; Director General, Centre for Infectious Disease Prevention and Control, Population and Public Health Branch.

"Héma-Québec":

Francine Décary, Doctor; Executive Director.



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Meeting No. 22

Wednesday, February 19, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, Stan Dromisky, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer and Carol Skelton.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Blood Services: Dr. Graham Sher, Chief Executive Officer; Dr. Stephen Vamvakas, Executive Vice-President, Medical, Scientific and Research Affairs. *From "Héma Québec":* Dr. Francine Décary, Executive Director. *From the Department of Health:* Julia Hill, Acting Director General, Biologics and Genetic Therapies Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch; Dr. Peter Ganz, Director, Biologics and Radiopharmaceutical Evaluation Centre, Biologics and Genetic Therapies Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch; Dr. Howard Njoo, Director General, Centre for Infectious Disease Prevention and Control, Population and Public Health Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), a session on the safety of the blood supply in Canada as it relates to the West Nile Virus

Graham Sher, Francine Décary and Julia Hill made statements and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

On motion of Brenda Chamberlain, it was agreed, — That, in relation to its study on health care access and accountability, the proposed operational budget in the amount of \$24,000, be adopted.

On motion of Brenda Chamberlain, it was agreed, — That, in relation to its study of Bill C-260, An Act to amend the Hazardous Products Act (fire-safe cigarettes), the proposed operational budget in the amount of \$3,464, be adopted.

On motion of Stan Dromisky, it was agreed, — That, in relation to its study of HIV/AIDS strategy and funding, the proposed operational budget in the amount of \$8,000, be adopted.

At 5:28 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 23

Monday, February 24, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

A session on the health status of Aboriginal people

WITNESSES:

Assembly of First Nations:

Marilyn Carpentier, Canadian Prenatal Nutrition Program Coordinator, Health Secretariat;
Elaine Johnston, Director, Health Secretariat.



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Meeting No. 23

Monday, February 24, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:41 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Svend Robinson, Hélène Scherrer and Carol Skelton.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Assembly of First Nations: Elaine Johnston, Director, Health Secretariat; Marilyn Carpentier, Canadian Prenatal Nutrition Program Coordinator (CPCP), Health Secretariat; Bryan Hendry, Communications Officer, Health Secretariat.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), a session on the health status of Aboriginal peoples.

Elaine Johnston made a statement and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette

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Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 24

Monday, March 17, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the Canadian Strategy on HIV/AIDS

WITNESSES:

Canadian HIV Trials Network:

Martin Schechter, Doctor and National Director / Canada Research Chair in HIV/AIDS and Urban Population Health.

Canadian Treatment Action Council / Voices of Positive Women:

Louise Binder, Chair.

YouthCo AIDS Society:

Sheena Sargent, Education Programs Coordinator.





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Meeting No. 24

Monday, March 17, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, The Hon. Hedy Fry, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Svend Robinson, Hélène Scherrer and Carol Skelton.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Canadian HIV Trials Network: Dr. Martin Schechter, National Director / Canada Research Chair in HIV/AIDS and Urban Population Health. *From the Canadian Treatment Action Council / Voices of Positive Women:* Louise Binder, Chair. *From the YouthCo AIDS Society:* Sheena Sargent, Education Programs Coordinator.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of the Canadian Strategy on HIV/AIDS.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 25

Wednesday, March 19, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the Canadian Strategy on HIV/AIDS

WITNESSES:

Canadian Institutes of Health Research:

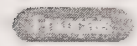
Bhagirath Singh, Doctor and Scientific Director, Institute for Infection and Immunity;
Karl Tibelius, Director, Research Capacity Development.

Correctional Service Canada:

Sandra Black, National Infectious Diseases Program Coordinator;
Françoise Bouchard, Doctor and Director General, Health Services.

Department of Health:

Howard Njoo, Director General, Centre for Infectious Disease Prevention and Control,
Population and Public Health Branch;
Steven Sternthal, Acting Director, HIV/AIDS Policy, Coordination and Programs Division,
Centre for Infectious Disease Prevention and Control, Population and Public Health
Branch.



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Meeting No. 25

Wednesday, March 19, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:38 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, The Hon. Hedy Fry, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Svend Robinson and Carol Skelton.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Department of Health: Dr. Howard Njoo, Director General, Centre for Infectious Disease Prevention and Control, Population and Public Health Branch; Steven Sternthal, Acting Director, HIV/AIDS Policy, Coordination and Programs Division, Centre for Infectious Disease Prevention and Control, Population and Public Health Branch. *From Correctional Service Canada:* Dr. Françoise Bouchard, Director General, Health Services; Sandra Black, National Infectious Diseases Program Coordinator. *From the Canadian Institutes of Health Research:* Dr. Bhagirath Singh, Scientific Director, Institute for Infection and Immunity; Karl Tibelius, Director, Research Capacity Development.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the Canadian Strategy on HIV/AIDS.

Howard Njoo, Steven Sternthal, Françoise Bouchard and Bhagirath Singh made statements and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

On motion of Réal Ménard, it was agreed, — That, in relation to its study on prescription drugs, the proposed operational budget in the amount of \$73,400.00, be adopted.

Svend Robinson moved, -- That, in relation to its study on prescription drugs, the proposed travel budgets be modified to include two more members of the Committee participating in the travel, from 8 to 10 members, and that the proposed amounts of \$105,659.40 and \$89,893.40 be modified accordingly.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed.

At 5:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 26

Monday, March 24, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the Canadian Strategy on HIV/AIDS

WITNESSES:

Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network:

Art Zoccole, Executive Director.

Canadian AIDS Society:

Paul Lapierre, Executive Director.

Canadian Association of HIV Researchers:

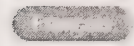
Dr. Kenneth Rosenthal, President, and Professor, Department of Pathology and Molecular Medicine, McMaster University.

Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network:

Ralf Jürgens, Executive Director.

International AIDS Society:

Mark Wainberg, President Elect, and Director, McGill AIDS Centre.



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Meeting No. 26

Monday, March 24, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Hon. Hedy Fry, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Svend Robinson and Yolande Thibeault.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Canadian AIDS Society: Paul Lapierre, Executive Director. *From the Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network:* Art Zoccole, Executive Director. *From the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network:* Ralf Jürgens, Executive Director. *From the Canadian Association of HIV Researchers:* Dr. Kenneth L. Rosenthal, President, and Professor, Department of Pathology and Molecular Medicine, McMaster University. *From the International AIDS Society:* Dr. Mark Wainberg, President Elect, and Director, McGill AIDS Centre.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the Canadian Strategy on HIV/AIDS.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:23 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Joann Garbig

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 27

Wednesday, March 26, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Session on the labelling of genetically modified foods

WITNESSES:

Canadian Biotechnology Advisory Committee:

Mary Alton Mackey, Member and Co-chair, GM Foods Steering Committee.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Debra Bryanton, Executive Director, Policy, Planning and Coordination Directorate.

Canadian General Standards Board:

Marian Gaucher, Secretary, Committee on Voluntary Labelling of Food Obtained or Not
Obtained through Genetic Modification;

Doryne Peace, Chair, Committee on Voluntary Labelling of Foods Obtained or Not
Obtained through Genetic Modification.

Department of Health:

Karen L. Dodds, Doctor and Director General, Health Products and Food Branch.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 27

Wednesday, March 26, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Svend Robinson and Carol Skelton.

Acting Members present: Bernard Bigras for Réal Ménard; Marcel Gagnon for Diane Bourgeois.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Department of Health: Dr. Karen L. Dodds, Director General, Food Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch. *From the Canadian General Standards Board:* Doryne Peace, Chair, Committee on Voluntary Labelling of Foods Obtained or Not Obtained through Genetic Modification; Marian Gaucher, Secretary, Committee on Voluntary Labelling of Food Obtained or Not Obtained through Genetic Modification. *From the Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* Debra Bryanton, Executive Director, Policy, Planning and Coordination Directorate. *From the Canadian Biotechnology Advisory Committee:* Mary Alton Mackey, Member, and Co-chair, GM Foods Steering Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee held a session on the labelling of genetically modified foods.

The witnesses made statements.

At 4:22 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Joann Garbig

Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 28

Wednesday, April 2, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on health care access and accountability

WITNESSES:

Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada:

Michel Amar, Former Director, Communications and Consultations;

Gregory Marchildon, Former Executive Director, Professor and Canada Research Chair in
Public Policy and Economic History, Faculty of Administration, University of Regina;

Roy Romanow, Former Commissioner.



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Meeting No. 28

Wednesday, April 2, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met in a televised session at 3:42 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Carol Skelton, Greg Thompson.

Acting Members present: Derek Lee for Hedy Fry and Judy Wasylycia-Leis for Svend Robinson.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, research officers.

Witnesses: From the Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada: Roy Romanow, Former Commissioner; Gregory Marchildon, Former Executive Director, Professor and Canada Research Chair in Public Policy and Economic History, Faculty of Administration, University of Regina; Michel Amar, Former Director, Communications and Consultations.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced consideration of a study on health care access and accountability.

Roy Romanow made a statement, and with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 29

Monday, April 7, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Bill C-260, *An Act to amend the Hazardous Products Act (fire-safe cigarettes)*

WITNESSES:

Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs:

Donald F. Warden, Fire Chief and Chairman, Government Relations Committee.

Imperial Tobacco Canada Limited:

Gaétan Duplessis, Director, Product Development;

Stewart Massey, Director, Scientific Affairs;

Donald McCarty, Vice-President, Law.

Klein Lyons, Barristers & Solicitors:

Douglas Lennox, Lawyer.

Non-Smokers' Rights Association:

François Damphousse, Director, Quebec Office, and Representative, Physicians for a
Smoke-Free Canada.



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Meeting No. 29

Monday, April 7, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Carol Skelton and Yolande Thibeault.

Other Member present: John McKay.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, research officers.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs: Donald F. Warden, Fire Chief and Chairman, Government Relations Committee. **From the Imperial Tobacco Canada Limited:** Donald McCarty, Vice-President, Law; Stewart Massey, Director, Scientific Affairs; Gaetan Duplessis, Director, Products Development. **From Klein Lyons, Barristers & Solicitors:** Douglas Lennox, Lawyer. **From the Non-Smokers' Rights Association:** François Damphousse, Director, Quebec Office, and Representative, Physicians for a Smoke-Free Canada.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Thursday, November 28, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-260, An Act to amend the Hazardous Products Act (fire-safe cigarettes) (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Wednesday, February 12, 2003, Meeting No. 20*).

Donald F. Warden, Donald McCarty, Douglas Lennox and François Damphousse made statements and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 30

Monday, April 28, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of chapter 1 (Streamlining First Nations Reporting to Federal Organization), and chapter 6 (Statistics Canada — Managing the Quality of Health Statistics of the December 2002 Report of the Auditor General of Canada)

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Maria Barrados, Assistant Auditor General;

Jerome Berthelette, Principal;

Barry Leighton, Principal.





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Meeting No. 30

Monday, April 28, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:42 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Hon. Hedy Fry, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Carol Skelton and Yolande Thibeault.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Maria Barrados, Assistant Auditor General; Jerome Berthelette, Principal; Barry Leighton, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 1 (Streamlining First Nations Reporting to Federal Organizations), and Chapter 6 (Statistics Canada - Managing the Quality of Health Statistics) of the December 2002 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

Maria Barrados made a statement and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:50 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 31

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of issues concerning synthetic insulin

WITNESSES:

Canadian Diabetes Association:

Diane Allingham, Executive Assistant, Public Policy and Government Relations;
Alexis Mantell, Senior Manager, Strategic Communications and Media Relations.

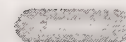
Eli Lilly Canada Inc.:

Loren Grossman, Vice-President, Research and Development;
Terry McCool, Vice-President, Corporate Affairs.

Department of Health:

Julia Hill, Acting Director General, Biologics and Genetic Therapies Directorate, Health
Products and Food Branch;

Supriya Sharma, Director, Marketed Biologicals and Biotechnology Products Division,
Marketed Health Products Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch.



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Meeting No. 31

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met at 9:06 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Raymonde Folco, Hon. Hedy Fry, James Lunney, Rob Merrifield, Svend Robinson, Hélène Scherrer and Yolande Thibeault.

Acting Members present: Mark Assad for Stan Dromisky and Larry Spencer for Carol Skelton.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From Eli Lilly Canada Inc.: Loren Grossman, Vice President, Research and Development; Carlo Di Fonzo, Associate Vice President, Regulatory Affairs and Quality Compliance; Terry McCool, Vice President, Corporate Affairs. **From the Canadian Diabetes Association:** Alexis Mantell, Senior Manager, Strategic Communications and Media Relations; Diane Allingham, Executive Assistant, Public Policy and Government Relations. **From the Department of Health:** Supriya Sharma, Director, Marketed Biologicals and Biotechnology Products Division, Marketed Health Products Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch; Ian MacKay, Unit Head, Special Access Unit, Clinical Trials and Special Access Programme, Senior Medical Advisor Bureau, Therapeutic Products Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch; Julia Hill, Acting Director General, Biologics and Genetic Therapies Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of issues concerning synthetic insulin.

Terry McCool, Loren Grossman, Alexis Mantell and Julia Hill made statements, and with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:45 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:05 a.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

At 11:15 a.m., the Committee resumed sitting in public.

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That the Standing Committee on Health summon the Health Minister and officials from Health Canada to a supplementary meeting on Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) at their earliest convenience.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived on the following recorded

division:

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Carolyn Bennett
James Lunney
Rob Merrifield
Svend Robinson -- 4

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Jeannot Castonguay
Raymonde Folco
Hedy Fry
Hélène Scherrer
Yolande Thibeault -- 5

At 11:57 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 32

Wednesday, April 30, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on First Nations and Inuit Dental Health

WITNESSES:

Assembly of First Nations:

Mary Jane McCallum, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Manitoba;

Wendall Nicholas, Policy Analyst, Health Secretariat;

Kimberly Whetung, Associate Director, Health Secretariat.

Canadian Dental Association:

Louis Dubé, President-Elect;

Darryl Smith, Executive Council Member.

Canadian Dental Hygienists Association:

Susan Ziebarth, Executive Director.

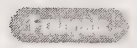
Department of Health:

Peter Cooney, Director General, Non Insured Health Benefits Directorate, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch;

Leslie MacLean, Acting Director General, Non Insured Health Benefits, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch.

Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami of Canada:

Larry Gordon, Chairperson, Health Committee.



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Meeting No. 32

Wednesday, April 30, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, Hon. Hedy Fry, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Svend Robinson, Carol Skelton and Greg Thompson.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Assembly of First Nations: Wendall Nicholas, Policy Analyst, Health Secretariat; Kimberly Whetung, Associate Director, Health Secretariat; Mary Jane McCallum, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Manitoba. **From the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami of Canada:** Larry Gordon, Chairperson, Health Committee. **From the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association:** Susan A. Ziebarth, Executive Director; Judy Lux, Health Policy Communications Specialist. **From the Canadian Dental Association:** Louis Dubé, President-Elect; Darryl R. Smith, Executive Council Member. **From the Department of Health:** Peter Cooney, Director General, Non Insured Health Benefits Directorate, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch; Leslie MacLean, Acting Director General, Non Insured Health Benefits, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee held a session on First Nations and Inuit Dental Health.

Wendall Nicholas, Mary-Jane McCallum, Larry Gordon, Susan Ziebarth, Louis Dubé, Peter Cooney and Leslie MacLean made statements and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

On motion of Carolyn Bennett, it was agreed, -- That, pursuant to Standing Order 97.1, the Committee request an extension of thirty (30) sitting days to consider Bill C-260, *An Act to amend the Hazardous Products Act (fire-safe cigarettes)*, referred to the Committee on November 28, 2002 and that the Chair report to the House.

At 6:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 33

Monday, May 5, 2003

IN CAMERA



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 33

Monday, May 5, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met *in camera* at 4:34 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Hon. Hedy Fry, Betty Hinton, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Carol Skelton and Yolande Thibeault.

Acting Member present: Hon. Lawrence MacAuley for Brenda Chamberlain.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the Canadian Strategy on HIV/AIDS.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of draft recommendations.

At 5:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 34

Wednesday, May 7, 2003

IN CAMERA



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 34

Wednesday, May 7, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met *in camera* at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Hon. Hedy Fry, Betty Hinton, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Svend Robinson and Yolande Thibeault.

Acting Members present: Dominic LeBlanc for Stan Dromisky; Aileen Carroll for Raymonde Folco and Andy Savoy for Brenda Chamberlain.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, Research Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the Canadian Strategy on HIV/AIDS.

The Committee resumed consideration of draft recommendations.

It was agreed, -- That all questioning of witnesses be limited to five (5) minutes per member and that the Chair direct the first two (2) questions to members of the Canadian Alliance, followed by five (5) minutes for the Bloc québécois, five (5) minutes for the Liberal Party, five (5) minutes for the New Democratic Party, five (5) minutes for the Liberal Party, five (5) minutes for the Progressive Conservative Party and that subsequent questions be alternately shared between Opposition and Government members at the discretion of the Chair.

At 4:38 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 35

Monday, May 12, 2003

IN CAMERA



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 35

Monday, May 12, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met *in camera* at 3:47 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Carol Skelton and Yolande Thibeault.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, research officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on First Nations and Inuit Dental Health.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 4:43 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 36

Wednesday, May 14, 2003

IN CAMERA



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 36

Wednesday, May 14, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met *in camera* at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, Rob Merrifield and Carol Skelton.

Witnesses: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Research Officer; Sonya Norris, Research Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on issues concerning synthetic insulin.

The Committee commenced consideration of draft recommendations.

The witnesses answered questions.

At 4:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 37

Monday, May 26, 2003

IN CAMERA



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 37

Monday, May 26, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met *in camera* at 3:44 p.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Raymonde Folco, Betty Hinton, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Hélène Scherrer, Carol Skelton and Yolande Thibeault.

Acting Member present: Peter Stoffer for Svend Robinson.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, research officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the Canadian Strategy on HIV/AIDS.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 4:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 38

Wednesday, May 28, 2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Session on the labelling of genetically modified foods

Study on the Canadian Strategy on HIV/AIDS

WITNESSES:

Canadian Biotechnology Advisory Committee:

Mary Alton Mackey, Member, and Co-chair, GM Foods Steering Committee.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Bart Bilmer, Director, Office of Biotechnology;

Greg Orriss, Director, Bureau of Food Safety and Consumer Protection.

Canadian General Standards Board:

Marian Gaucher, Secretary, Committee on Voluntary Labelling of Food Obtained or Not Obtained through Genetic Modification;

Doryne Peace, Chair, Committee on Voluntary Labelling of Foods Obtained or Not Obtained through Genetic Modification.

Department of Health:

Karen L. Dodds, Doctor; Director General, Food Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch;

Paul Mayers, Acting Associate Director General, Food Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch.



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Meeting No. 38

Wednesday, May 28, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:41 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, Raymonde Folco, Betty Hinton, Rob Merrifield, Svend Robinson, H       Scherrer, Carol Skelton and Yolande Thibeault.

Acting Member present: Bernard Bigras for Diane Bourgeois.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, research officers.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Biotechnology Advisory Committee: Mary Alton Mackey, Member, and Co-chair, GM Foods Steering Committee. **From the Canadian Food Inspection Agency:** Greg Orriss, Director, Bureau of Food Safety and Consumer Protection; Bart Bilmer, Director, Office of Biotechnology. **From the Canadian General Standards Board:** Doryne Peace, Chair, Committee on Voluntary Labelling of Foods Obtained or Not Obtained through Genetic Modification; Marian Gaucher, Secretary, Committee on Voluntary Labelling of Food Obtained or Not Obtained through Genetic Modification. **From the Department of Health:** Karen L. Dodds, Director General, Food Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch; Paul Mayers, Acting Associate Director General, Food Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee held a session on the labelling of genetically modified foods.

Mary Alton Mackey, Greg Orriss and Doryne Peace made brief statements and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:02 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:05 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the Canadian Strategy on HIV/AIDS.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, - That, the Committee adopt the draft report, entitled *Strengthening the Canadian Strategy on HIV/AIDS*, as amended, as the third report of the Committee to the House.

It was agreed, - That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to this report.

It was agreed, - That the Chair be authorized to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, - That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(1)(a), the Committee authorize the printing of brief dissenting and / or supplementary opinions as appendices to this report, immediately after the signature of the Chair, and that the opinions be sent to the Clerk of the Committee in electronic form in both official languages on or before 3:00 p.m. on Monday, June 2, 2003.

It was agreed, - That the Chair, or her designate, be authorized to present the report to the House.

It was agreed, - That the Clerk of the Committee organize a press conference on tabling day, after the tabling of the report.

It was agreed, - That, having heard the update on the labelling of genetically modified foods, the Committee not pursue the subject further at this time.

At 5:23 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 39

Wednesday, June 4, 2003

IN CAMERA



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 39

Wednesday, June 4, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met *in camera* at 3:48 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Raymonde Folco, Betty Hinton, Hélène Scherrer, Carol Skelton and Yolande Thibeault.

Acting Members present: Dominic LeBlanc for Brenda Chamberlain, Alan Tonks for Stan Dromisky and Gérard Binet for the Hon. Hedy Fry.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, research officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on First Nations and Inuit Dental Health.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, - That, the Committee adopt the English version of the draft report, as amended, and that the French version be redone; and that the Chair designate some members of the Committee to approve the revised French translation.

It was agreed, - That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to this report.

It was agreed, - That the Chair be authorized to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, - That the Committee meet with members of a delegation from the United Kingdom on June 10, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.

It was agreed, - That the Committee meet with members of a delegation from Germany on June 12, 2003 at 9:30 a.m.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on issues concerning synthetic insulin.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, - That, the Committee adopt the draft report, as amended, as the fourth report of the Committee to the House.

It was agreed, - That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to this report.

It was agreed, - That the Chair be authorized to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, - That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(1)(a), the Committee authorize the printing of brief dissenting and / or supplementary opinions as appendices to this report, immediately after the signature of the Chair, and that the opinions be sent to the Clerk of the Committee in electronic form in both official languages on or before 3:00 p.m. on Monday, June 9, 2003.

It was agreed, - That the Chair, or her designate, be authorized to present the report to the House.

At 4:48 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette
Clerk of the Committee

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Monday, June 9, 2003

IN CAMERA



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Meeting No. 40

Monday, June 9, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met *in camera* at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Betty Hinton, Réal Ménard, Svend Robinson, Hélène Scherrer, Carol Skelton and Yolande Thibeault.

Witnesses: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, research officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 17, 2003, the Committee commenced consideration of its study on prescription drugs.

At 4:52 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 41

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Meeting with representatives from the House of Commons Public Administration Select Committee, United Kingdom



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Meeting No. 41

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met at 9:12 a.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Betty Hinton, Réal Ménard and Rob Merrifield.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, research officers.

Delegation: From the House of Commons Public Administration Select Committee, United Kingdom: Tony Wright, M.P., Head of Delegation and Chairman of the Public Administration Select Committee; Kevin Brennan, M.P.; Annette Lesley Brooks, M.P.; David Heyes, M.P.; Kelvin Hopkins, M.P.; Ian Liddell-Grainger, M.P.; Gordon Prentice, M.P.; Philip Aylett, Clerk; Jacqueline Recardo, Committee Assistant.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee met with representatives from the House of Commons Public Administration Select Committee, United Kingdom.

The delegates made statements and answered questions.

At 10:10 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 42

Wednesday, June 11, 2003

IN CAMERA



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 42

Wednesday, June 11, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met *in camera* at 3:23 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, Stan Dromisky, Raymonde Folco, Hon. Hedy Fry, Betty Hinton, Réal Ménard, Svend Robinson, Carol Skelton and Yolande Thibeault.

Acting Member present: Robert Bertrand for Hélène Scherrer.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier and Sonya Norris, research officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on prescription drugs.

It was agreed, -- That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee undertake a study on prescription drugs under the following terms of reference:

1. To gather evidence on the health aspects of the following issues relative to prescription drugs (patented and generic) in Canada:
 - (a) Rising costs;
 - (b) Mechanisms for reviewing and controlling prices of all prescription drugs;
 - (c) Mechanisms for approving new drugs and introducing them onto the market, with respect to their therapeutic value, their side effects, their interactions with other drugs, etc., as well as a focus on clinical trials;
 - (d) Monitoring of adverse effects and prescribing practices;
 - (e) Marketing to and lobbying of prescribers and dispensers;
 - (f) Direct-to-consumer advertising;
 - (g) Consumer and health professional access to drugs, including but not limited to access to new drugs for new diseases and old drugs for old diseases (excluding commentary on provincial formularies);
 - (h) Misuse, abuse and addiction within the general population; and,

- (i) International comparisons.
- 2. To examine the evidence gathered with respect to these issues;
- 3. To discuss the implications of the evidence for Canadians;
- 4. To make recommendations for future actions.

It was agreed, - That the Clerk of the Committee, in consultation with the Chair, issue a news release to announce the Committee's study on prescription drugs and to invite the public to submit briefs and requests to appear in relation to the study.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on First Nations and Inuit dental health.

It was agreed, - That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(1)(a), the Committee authorize the printing of brief dissenting and/or supplementary opinions as appendices to this report, immediately after the signature of the Chair, and that the opinions be sent to the Clerk of the Committee in electronic form in both official languages on or before noon, Thursday, June 12, 2003.

It was agreed, - That the Chair, or her designate, be authorized to present the report to the House.

At 3:52 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 43

Tuesday, September 16, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Prescription Drugs.

WITNESS:

Department of Health:

Robert Peterson, Director General, Therapeutic Products Directorate, Health Products and
Food Branch.





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Meeting No. 43

Tuesday, September 16, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met at 9:06 a.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Betty Hinton, Réal Ménard, Bob Merrifield and Hélène Scherrer.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Research Officer; Sonya Norris, Research Officer.

Witnesses: Department of Health: Robert Peterson, Director General, Therapeutics Products Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 17, 2003, the Committee resumed its study of Prescription Drugs.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:12 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette
Clerk of the Committee

2003/09/16 2:50 p.m.

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HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 44

Thursday, September 18, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Prescription Drugs.

WITNESSES:

Department of Health:

Carole Bouchard, Director, Office of Controlled Substances, Drug Strategy and Controlled Substances Programme, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch;

Diane Gorman, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and Food Branch;

Beth Pieterston, Director General, Drug Strategy and Controlled Substances Programme, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch;

Christopher Turner, Doctor, Director General, Marketed Health Products Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch.



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Meeting No. 44

Thursday, September 18, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met at 9:08 a.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Stan Dromisky, Raymonde Folco, Betty Hinton, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Svend Robinson and Yolande Thibeault.

Acting Members present: Gilbert Barrette for Brenda Chamberlain and Grant Hill for Carol Skelton.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Research Officer; Sonya Norris, Research Officer.

Witnesses: Department of Health: Carole Bouchard, Director, Office of Controlled Substances, Drug Strategy and Controlled Substances Programme, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch; Diane Gorman, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and Food Branch; Beth Pieterse, Director General, Drug Strategy and Controlled Substances Programme, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch; Christopher Turner, Director General, Marketed Health Products Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 17, 2003, the Committee resumed its study of Prescription Drugs.

Diane Gorman, Christopher Turner and Beth Pieterse made statements, and with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:37 a.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 10:47 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette
Clerk of the Committee

2003/09/19 10:15 a.m.

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HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 45

Tuesday, September 23, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Prescription Drugs

WITNESSES:

Department of Health:

Barbara Ouellet, Director, Quality Care, Technology and Pharmaceuticals Division, Health
Care Strategies and Policy Directorate, Health Policy and Communications Branch.

Patented Medicine Prices Review Board:

Robert Elgie, Chairperson.



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Meeting No. 45

Tuesday, September 23, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Hedy Fry, Betty Hinton, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield and Hélène Scherrer.

Acting Members present: Grant Hill for Carol Skelton.

Other Members present: Gilbert Barrette.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Patented Medicine Prices Review Board: Wayne D. Critchley, Executive Director; Robert G. Elgie, Chairperson; Réal Sureau, Vice-Chairperson. *Department of Health:* Wayne Lepine, Manager, Pharmaceutical Policy, Quality Care, Technology and Pharmaceuticals Division, Health Care Policy Directorate, Health Policy and Communications Branch; Barbara Ouellet, Director, Health Services Division, Quality Care, Technology and Pharmaceuticals Division, Health Care Policy Directorate, Health Policy and Communications Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 17, 2003, the Committee resumed its study of Prescription Drugs.

Barbara Ouellet made a statement and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 9:58 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:01 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Robert Elgie made a statement and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:53 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette
Clerk of the Committee

2003/09/24 9:00 a.m.

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Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 46

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Prescription Drugs

WITNESSES:

Department of Health:

Danièle Dionne, Associate Director General, Health Products and Food Branch
Inspectorate;

Brian Gillespie, Director, Senior Medical Advisor Bureau, Therapeutic Products
Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch;

Beth Pieterston, Director General, Drug Strategy and Controlled Substances Programme,
Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch;

Christopher Turner, Director General, Marketed Health Products Directorate, Health
Products and Food Branch.



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Meeting No. 46

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 701 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Stan Dromisky, Hedy Fry, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield and Hélène Scherrer.

Acting Members Present: Gilbert Barrette for Raymonde Folco; Grant Hill for Carol Skelton.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Health: Carole Bouchard, Director, Office of Controlled Substances, Drug Strategy and Controlled Substances Programme, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch; Danièle Dionne, Associate Director General, Health Products and Food Branch Inspectorate; Brian Gillespie, Director, Senior Medical Advisor Bureau, Therapeutic Products Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch; Beth Pieterston, Director General, Drug Strategy and Controlled Substances Programme, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch; Christopher Turner, Director General, Marketed Health Products Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 17, 2003, the Committee resumed its study of Prescription Drugs.

Danièle Dionne and Christopher Turner made statements and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette
Clerk of the Committee

2003/09/26 10:18 a.m.

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Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 47

Thursday, September 25, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Prescription Drugs

WITNESSES:

Department of Health:

Felix Li, Director, Chronic Disease Control and Management Division, Office of Public Security, Centre for Emergency Preparedness and Response, Population and Public Health Branch;

Leslie MacLean, Acting Director General, Non-Insured Health Benefits Program, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch;

Louise Plouffe, Manager, Knowledge Development, Division of Aging and Seniors;

Claude Rocan, Director General, Centre for Healthy Human Development, Population and Public Health Branch.



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Meeting No. 47

Thursday, September 25, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Vice-Chair, Réal Ménard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Stan Dromisky, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield and Hélène Scherrer.

Acting Members Present: Gilbert Barrette for Raymonde Folco.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Health: Susan Fletcher, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch; Felix Li, Director, Chronic Disease Control and Management Division, Office of Public Security, Centre for Emergency Preparedness and Response, Population and Public Health Branch; Leslie MacLean, Acting Director General, Non-Insured Health Benefits Program, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch; Louise A Plouffe, Manager, Knowledge Development, Division of Aging and Seniors; Claude Rocan, Director General, Centre for Healthy Human Development, Population and Public Health Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 17, 2003, the Committee resumed its study of Prescription Drugs.

Susan Fletcher and Leslie MacLean made statements and answered questions.

At 10:05 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:09 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Bonnie Brown took the Chair at 10:09 a.m.

Felix Li, Claude Rocan and Louise A. Plouffe made statements and answered questions.

At 10:55 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette
Clerk of the Committee

2003/09/26 12:58 p.m.

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Meeting No. 48

Thursday, September 25, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs



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Meeting No. 48

Thursday, September 25, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Stan Dromisky, Hedy Fry, Grant Hill, Karen Kraft Sloan and Rob Merrifield.

Acting Members present: Joe Comartin for Svend Robinson, Rodger Cuzner for Brenda Chamberlain, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral for Diane Bourgeois, Michel Guimond for Réal Ménard, James Lunney for Betty Hinton, Gary Schellenberger for Greg Thompson and Alan Tonks for Hélène Scherrer.

In attendance: House of Commons: Richard Rumas, Committee Clerk.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Chair.

On motion of Jeannot Castonguay, it was agreed, — That Bonnie Brown be elected Chair of the Committee.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-Chairs.

On motion of Rodger Cuzner, it was agreed — That Stan Dromisky be elected as Government Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Rob Merrifield moved, — That Grant Hill be elected as Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Hedy Fry moved, — That Réal Ménard be elected as Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(3), the election was conducted by secret ballot.

The ballots having been counted, Réal Ménard was declared duly elected as Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

At 3:34 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:37 p.m., the sitting resumed.

On motion of Stan Dromisky, ORDERED, — That the Clerk of the Committee destroy the ballots.

At 3:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/09 12:10 p.m.

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Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 49

Monday, September 29, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Prescription Drugs

WITNESSES:

BC Persons with AIDS Society:

Ross Harvey, Executive Director.

Better Pharmacare Coalition:

Brian Battison, Coordinator.

British Columbia Persons with AIDS Society:

Malsah, Chair.

Council of Senior Citizens Organizations of British Columbia:

Sylvia MacLeay, Second Vice-President and Chairperson of the Health Committee.

Downtown Eastside HIV/IDU Consumers' Board:

John Cameron, Chairperson, HIV/AIDS.

Market Media International Corp.:

Joan Gadsby.

Society for Diabetic Rights:

Colleen Fuller, President.

The Fraser Institute:

John Graham, Director, Health and Pharmaceutical Policy Research.

University of British Columbia:

Barbara Mintzes, Centre for Health Services & Policy Research.

Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute:

Bernie Bressler, Director.

Vancouver Native Health Authority:

Steve Adilman, Clinic Coordinator.



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Meeting No. 49

Monday, September 29, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met at 9:10 a.m. this day, in the Regal Ballroom, CROWNE PLAZA VANCOUVER HOTEL GEORGIA, Vancouver, British Columbia, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Stan Dromisky, Hedy Fry, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Svend Robinson and Greg Thompson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Vancouver Native Health Authority: Steve Adilman, Clinic Coordinator. Better Pharmacare Coalition: Brian Battison, Coordinator. Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute: Bernie Bressler, Director. Downtown Eastside HIV/IDU Consumers' Board: John Cameron, Chairperson, HIV/AIDS. Society for Diabetic Rights: Colleen Fuller, President. Market Media International Corp.: Joan Gadsby; John Constible. The Fraser Institute: John R. Graham, Director, Health and Pharmaceutical Policy Research. British Columbia Health Coalition: Terrie Hendrickson; Patt Shuttleworth, Registered Nurse. Council of Senior Citizens Organizations of British Columbia: Sylvia MacLeay, Second Vice-President and Chairperson of the Health Committee. British Columbia Persons with AIDS Society: Malsah, Chair; Ross Harvey, Executive Director. Centre for Health Services & Policy Research, University of British Columbia: Barbara Mintzes, Post Doctoral Fellow.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 17, 2003, the Committee resumed its study of Prescription Drugs.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:10 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:18 a.m., the sitting resumed.

At 11:18 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:21 a.m., the sitting resumed.

At 12:17 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/02 10:33 a.m.

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Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 50

Monday, September 29, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Prescription Drugs

WITNESSES:

British Columbia Pharmacy Association:

Derek Desrosiers, Vice-President;

Marnie Mitchell, Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives:

Carol Cole.

Canadian Nurses Association:

Rob Calnan, President.

University of British Columbia:

Steven Morgan, Assistant Professor, Medicine / Health Care and Epidemiology, Centre for Health Services and Policy Research;

Robert D. Sindelar, Professor and Dean, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

University of British Columbia Therapeutics Initiative:

Thomas L. Perry;

James M. Wright.



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Meeting No. 50

Monday, September 29, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met at 1:20 p.m. this day, in the REGAL BALLROOM, CROWNE PLAZA VANCOUVER HOTEL GEORGIA, Vancouver, British Columbia, the Vice-Chair, Réal Ménard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Stan Dromisky, Hedy Fry, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Svend Robinson and Greg Thompson.

Witnesses: Pharmawatch: Warren Bell. *Canadian Nurses Association:* Rob Calnan, President. *Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives:* Carol Cole. *British Columbia Pharmacy Association:* Derek Desrosiers, Vice President; Marnie Mitchell, Chief Executive Officer. *Centre for Health Services and Policy Research, University of British Columbia:* Steven G. Morgan, Assistant Professor, Medicine / Health Care and Epidemiology. *University of British Columbia Therapeutics Initiative:* Thomas L. Perry; James M. Wright. *Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of British Columbia:* Robert D. Sindelar, Professor and Dean.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 17, 2003, the Committee resumed its study of Prescription Drugs.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 2:32 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 2:40 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 3:46 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/02 9:31 a.m.

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Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 51

Tuesday, September 30, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Prescription Drugs

WITNESSES:

Alberta College of Pharmacists:

Greg Eberhart, Registrar.

Canadian Association of Chain Drug Stores:

Lori Turik, Vice-President, Public Policy;

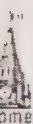
Jeffrey May, Director, Government and Regulatory Affairs.

Health and Social Services Government of the Northwest Territories:

André Corriveau, Chief Medical Officer.

Ministry of Health and Wellness, Government of Alberta:

David Bougher, Director, Pharmaceutical Policy and Programs.



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Meeting No. 51

Tuesday, September 30, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met at 9:06 a.m. this day, in the Lancaster Ballroom, EXECUTIVE ROYAL INN EDUC-NISKU, Leduc, Alberta, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Stan Dromisky, Hedy Fry, Betty Hinton, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield and Greg Thompson.

attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Alberta Health and Wellness: David Bougher, Director, Pharmaceutical Policy and Programs. *North West Territories Health and Social Services:* André Corriveau, Chief Medical Officer. *Alberta College of Pharmacists:* Greg Berhart, Registrar. *Canadian Association of Chain Drug Stores:* Lori Turik, Vice-President, Public Policy; Jeffrey Day, Director, Government & Regulatory Affairs.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 17, 2003, the Committee resumed its study of Prescription Drugs.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:42 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:00 a.m., the sitting resumed.

At 12:11 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/03 2:26 p.m.

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Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 52

Tuesday, September 30, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Prescription Drugs

WITNESSES:

Canadian Union of Public Employees, Alberta Division:

Bruce McLeod, President.

Consumer's Association of Canada - Albert:

Wendy Armstrong, Secretary.

Council of Canadians:

Dale Watson Red Deer Chapter.

Native Council of Canada (Alberta):

Richard Long, Executive Director;

Doris Ronnenberg, President;

Glen Tashko.

Seniors' Action and Liaison Team:

Brian Staples, Chair.

University of Alberta:

Tracey Bailey, Executive Director, Health Law Institute;

Devidas Menon, Doctor, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, Institute of Health Economics.



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Meeting No. 52

Tuesday, September 30, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met at 1:08 p.m. this day, in the Lancaster Ballroom, EXECUTIVE ROYAL INN LEDUC-NISKU, Leduc, Alberta, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Stan Dromisky, Hedy Fry, Betty Hinton, Réal Ménard and Rob Merrifield.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Consumer's Association of Canada - Alberta: Wendy Armstrong, Secretary; Larry Phillips, President. *Native Council of Canada (Alberta):* Doris Ronnenberg, President; Richard Long, Executive Director; Glen Tashko. *Health Law Institute, University of Alberta:* Tracey Bailey, Executive Director. *Canadian Union of Public Employees, Alberta Division:* Bruce McLeod, President. *Institute of Health Economics, University of Alberta:* Devidas Menon, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer. *Senior's Action and Liaison Team:* Brian Staples, Chair. *Council of Canadians:* Dale Watson, Red Deer Chapter.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 17, 2003, the Committee resumed its study of Prescription Drugs.

Stan Dromisky took the Chair at 1:47 p.m.

Bonnie Brown took the Chair at 2:51 p.m.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 1:57 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 2:05 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 2:45 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 2:51 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 3:11 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/03 2:24 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 53

Wednesday, October 1, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Prescription Drugs

WITNESSES:

All Nations Hope AIDS Network:

Margaret Akan, Manager.

Canadian Arthritis Patient Alliance:

Anne Dooley, Vice-President.

Community Health Services Association (Saskatoon Community Clinic):

Patrick Lapointe, Administrator;

Kathleen Storrie, President.

Government of Saskatchewan:

The Honourable John Nilson, Minister of Health.

Saskatchewan Health:

Kevin Wilson, Executive Director, Drug Plan and Extended Benefits.

Saskatchewan Health Coalition:

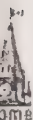
Dale Holmberg, President.

The Arthritis Society:

Sherry McKinnon, Executive Director, Saskatchewan Division.

Individual Presentation:

John McConnell.



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Meeting No. 53

Wednesday, October 1, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in the Canadian Room, SASKATOON INN, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Réal Ménard and Greg Thompson.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: All Nations Hope AIDS Network: Margaret Akan, Manager. Canadian Arthritis Patient Alliance: Anne Pooley, Vice-President. Saskatchewan Health Coalition: Dale Holmberg, President. As Individual: John McConnell. Arthritis Society: Sherry McKinnon, Saskatchewan Divisions. Saskatchewan Health : Hon. John Nilson, Minister of Health; Kevin Wilson, Executive Director, Drug Plan and Extended Benefits; Heather Nord, Senior Ministerial Assistant. Community Health Services Association (Saskatoon Community Clinic) : Kathleen Storrie, President; Patrick Lapointe, Administrator.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 17, 2003, the Committee resumed its study of Prescription Drugs.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:55 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:16 a.m., the sitting resumed.

At 12:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/03 3:20 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 54

Wednesday, October 1, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Prescription Drugs

WITNESSES:

Representative Board of Saskatchewan Pharmacists:

Brett Filson, Executive Director;

Guy Nobert, Vice-Chair.

Saskatchewan College of Pharmacists:

Ray Joubert, Registrar;

Randy Wiser, President.

Saskatchewan Drug Research Institute:

Marianne Greer, Director.

Saskatchewan Union of Nurses:

Rosalee Longmoore, President.

As Individual:

John Bury, Doctor.



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Meeting No. 54

Wednesday, October 1, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met at 1:19 p.m. this day, in the Canadian Room, SASKATOON INN, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Réal Ménard and Greg Thompson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: As Individual: John Bury. *Representative Board of Saskatchewan Pharmacists:* Brett Filson, Executive Director; Guy Nobert, Vice-Chair. *Saskatchewan Drug Research Institute:* Marianne Greer, Director. *Saskatchewan College of Pharmacists:* Randy Wiser, President; Ray Joubert, Registrar. *Saskatchewan Union of Nurses:* Rosalee Longmoore, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 17, 2003, the Committee resumed its study of Prescription Drugs.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 2:08 p.m., Réal Ménard took the Chair.

At 2:46 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/05 2:12 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 55

Thursday, October 2, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Prescription Drugs

WITNESSES:

Addictions Foundation of Manitoba:

Deb Kostyk, Seniors and Addictions Prevention Education Consultant.

Coalition for Manitoba Pharmacy:

Lothar Dueck, President;

Michele Fontaine, Vice-President;

Greg Skura, Secretary.

Manitoba Centre for Health Policy:

Anita Kozyrskyj, Assistant Professor, University of Manitoba;

Noralou Roos, Director and Senior Researcher.

Manitoba Pharmaceutical Association:

Ronald Guse, Registrar.

Manitoba Society of Pharmacists:

Marian Kremers, President;

Scott Ransome, Executive Director.

National Steering Committee on Patient Safety:

John Wade, Doctor; Former Chair.

University of Manitoba:

Alan Katz, Doctor; Associate Professor and Associate Department Head, Department of Family Medicine and Manitoba Centre for Health Policy.



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 55

Thursday, October 2, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met at 9:08 a.m. this day, in the East Ballroom, THE FAIRMONT WINNIPEG, Winnipeg, Manitoba, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Stan Dromisky, Rob Merrifield, Svend Robinson and Greg Thompson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Manitoba Centre for Health Policy: Noralou Roos, Director and Senior Researcher; Anita Kozyrskyj, Assistant Professor, University of Manitoba. *Department of Family Medicine and Manitoba Centre for Health Policy, University of Manitoba:* Alan Katz, Associate Professor and Associate Department Head. *National Steering Committee on Patient Safety :* John Wade, Former Chair. *Addictions Foundation of Manitoba:* Deb Kostyk, Seniors and Addictions Prevention Education Consultant. *Coalition for Manitoba Pharmacy:* Lothar Dueck, President; Greg Skura; Michelle Fontaine. *Manitoba Pharmaceutical Association:* Ronald Guse, Registrar. *Manitoba Society of Pharmacists:* Marian Kremers, President; Scott Ransome, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 17, 2003, the Committee resumed its study of Prescription Drugs.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:35 a.m. the sitting suspended.

At 10:52 a.m. the sitting resumed.

At 12:12 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/06 11:35 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 56

Thursday, October 2, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Prescription Drugs

WITNESSES:

Indian Council of First Nations of Manitoba:

Grand Chief Andrew Kirkness;

Vice-Chief Glenn McIvor.

Manitoba Health:

Honourable Dave Chomiak, Minister of Health;

Jack Rosentreter, Executive Director, Pharmaceutical Drug Programs;

Milton Sussman, Deputy Minister.

Women's Health Clinic:

Madeline Boscoe.

As an Individual:

Kay Schwartzman.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 56

Thursday, October 2, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met at 1:18 p.m. this day, in the East Ballroom, THE FAIRMONT WINNIPEG, Winnipeg, Manitoba, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Stan Dromisky, Rob Merrifield, Svend Robinson and Greg Thompson.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Manitoba Health: Hon. Dave Chomiak, Minister of Health; Milton Sussman, Deputy Minister; Marcia Thomson, ADM Health Programs, Health Programs; Jack Rosentreter, Executive Director, Pharmaceutical Drug Programs; Ulrich Wendt, Federal/Provincial Advisor. *Indian Council of First Nations of Manitoba:* Grand Chief Andrew Kirkness; Vice-Chief Glenn McIvor; Tom Kirkness, Secretary Treasurer. *Women's Health Clinic:* Madeline Boscoe. *As Individual:* Kay Schwartzman.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 17, 2003, the Committee resumed its study of Prescription Drugs.

The Hon. Dave Chomiak made a statement and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 2:18 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 2:34 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Grand Chief Andrew Kirkness and Madeline Boscoe made statements and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 3:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/06 2:22 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 57

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Bill C-260, An Act to amend the Hazardous Products Act (fire-safe cigarettes).

WITNESSES:

Best Medicines Coalition:

Denis Morrice, Co-Chair.

Department of Health:

Denis Choinière, Director, Office of Regulations and Compliance, Tobacco Control Program, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch.

Imperial Tobacco Canada Limited:

Donald McCarty, Vice-President, Law.

Non-Smokers' Rights Association:

François Damphousse, Director, Quebec Office, and Representative, Physicians for a Smoke-Free Canada.

Physicians for a Smoke-Free Canada:

Cynthia Callard, Executive Director.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 57

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, Stan Dromisky, Grant Hill, Betty Hinton, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Svend Robinson and Hélène Cherrerr.

Acting Members present: John McKay for Hedy Fry.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Health: Denis Choinière, Director, Office of Regulations and Compliance, Tobacco Control Program, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch; Victoria Tunstall, Program Officer, Office of Regulation and Compliance, Tobacco Control Program, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch. *Best Medicines Coalition:* Denis Morrice, Co-Chair. *Imperial Tobacco Canada Limited:* Donald McCarty, Vice-President, Law. *Non-Smokers' Rights Association:* François Damphousse, Director, Quebec Office. *Physicians for a Smoke-Free Canada:* Cynthia Callard, Executive Director.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 28, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-60, An Act to amend the Hazardous Products Act (fire-safe cigarettes).

Denis Choinière, Donald McCarty, Cynthia Callard and François Damphousse made statements and answered questions.

At 9:50 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:55 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

On motion of Jeannot Castonguay, it was agreed, — That Bill C-260, in Clause 1, be amended by replacing line 16 on page 1 with the following:

“...or before June 30, 2004,”

On motion of Jeannot Castonguay, it was agreed, — That Bill C-260, in Clause 1, be amended by replacing, in the English version, line 22 on page 1 with the following:

“...2004; and”

Clause 1, as amended, carried.

Clause 2 carried.

Clause 3 carried.

On motion of Jeannot Castonguay, it was agreed, — That Bill C-260, in Clause 4, be amended by replacing line 21 on page 2 with the following:

“31, 2004.”

Clause 4, as amended, carried.

The title carried.

The Bill, as amended, carried.

It was agreed, — That the Chair report Bill C-260, as amended, to the House.

It was agreed, — That Bill C-260, as amended, be reprinted for the use of the House at report stage.

On motion of Jeannot Castonguay, it was agreed, -- That the Chair present to the House a report requesting that the Government table within six months regulations regarding fire-safe cigarettes.

At 10:25 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:31 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 17, 2003, the Committee resumed its study of Prescription Drugs.

Denis Morrice made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:57 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/09 3:52 p.m.

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Standing Committee
on

HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 58

Thursday, October 9, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Prescription Drugs

WITNESSES:

Canadian Labour Congress:

Barb Byers, Executive Vice-President;

Cindy Wiggins, Senior Researcher.

Canadian Union of Public Employees:

Stan Marshall, Senior Research Officer.

Congress of Union Retirees of Canada:

Ronald Lang, Eastern Ontario Representative;

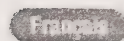
Larry Wagg, First Vice-President.

Council of Canadians:

Guy Caron, Health Care Campaigner.

National Union of Public and General Employees:

James Clancy, National President.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 58

Thursday, October 9, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met at 9:07 a.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Stan Dromisky, Réal Ménard and Rob Merrifield.

Acting Members present: James Lunney for Betty Hinton and Dick Proctor for Svend Robinson.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Labour Congress: Barb Byers, Executive Vice-President; Cindy Wiggins, Senior Researcher. *Council of Canadians:* Guy Caron, Health Care Campaigner. *National Union of Public and General Employees:* James Clancy, National President. *Congress of Union Retirees of Canada:* Larry Wagg, First Vice-President; Ronald Lang, Eastern Ontario Representative. *Canadian Union of Public Employees:* Stan Marshall, Senior Research Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 17, 2003, the Committee resumed its study of Prescription Drugs.

Barb Byers, Larry Wagg, Ronald Lang, Stan Marshall, James Clancy and Guy Caron made statements and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:01 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/15 4:44 p.m.

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Standing Committee
on

HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 59

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (A), 2003-2004: Votes 1a, 5a, 10a and 15a under HEALTH.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Institutes of Health Research:

Dr. Alan Bernstein, President.

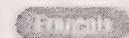
Department of Health:

Patrick Borbey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services Branch;

Scott Broughton, Assistant Deputy Minister, Population and Public Health Branch;

Ian Green, Deputy Minister;

Ian Potter, Assistant Deputy Minister, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 59

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met at 9:08 a.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, Hedy Fry, Grant Hill, Karen Kraft Sloan, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield and Hélène Scherrer.

Attendance: *Library of Parliament:* Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Gregory Tardi, Senior Legal Counsel.

Witnesses: *Canadian Institutes of Health Research:* Alan Bernstein, President; Guy D'Aloisio, Vice-President, Service and Operations; Mark Bisby, Vice President, Research. *Department of Health:* Patrick Borbey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services Branch; Scott Broughton, Assistant Deputy Minister, Population and Public Health Branch; Diane Gorman, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and Food Branch; Ian C. Green, Deputy Minister; Ian Potter, Assistant Deputy Minister, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (A), 2003-2004: Votes 1a, 5a, 10a and 15a under HEALTH referred to the Committee on Tuesday, September 23, 2003.

Ian C. Green and Alan Bernstein made statements and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

By unanimous consent, the Chair called Votes 1a, 5a, 10a and 15a under HEALTH.

Votes 1a, 5a, 10a and 15a under HEALTH carried.

ORDERED, -- That the Chair report Votes 1a, 5a, 10a and 15a under HEALTH to the House.

At 10:22 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:27 a.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 10:58 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/21 4:40 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 60

Wednesday, October 22, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Prescription Drugs

WITNESSES:

Brogan Inc.:

Tom Brogan, President;

Joan Fearnley, Senior Economist.

Canadian Institute for Health Information:

Louise Ogilvie, Director, Health Resources Information.

Palmer D'Angelo Consulting Inc:

W. Neil Palmer, Principal Consultant.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 60

Wednesday, October 22, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Brenda Chamberlain, Grant Hill, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Svend Robinson, Hélène Scherrer and Greg Thompson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Brogan Inc.: Tom Brogan, President. *Palmer D'Angelo Consulting Inc.:* Janice D'Angelo, Principal Consultant. *Brogan Inc.:* Joan Fearnley, Senior Economist. *Palmer D'Angelo Consulting Inc.:* Susan Neale, Senior Policy Analyst. *Canadian Institute for Health Information:* Louise Ogilvie, Director, Health Resources Information. *Palmer D'Angelo Consulting Inc.:* W. Neil Palmer, Principal Consultant.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 17, 2003, the Committee resumed its study of Prescription Drugs.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 3:53 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:37 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 5:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Susan Baldwin
Committee Clerk

2003/10/24 11:34 a.m.

PROCÈS-VERBAL

Comité permanent
de la

SANTÉ

Présidente: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Séance n^o 61

Le jeudi 23 octobre 2003

ORDRE DU JOUR:

Étude sur les médicaments sur ordonnance.

TÉMOINS:

Assemblée des Premières nations:

Chef Bill Erasmus, chef régional, Territoires du Nord-Ouest;

Elaine Johnston, directrice, Secrétariat à la santé.

Coalition canadienne de la santé:

Michael McBane, coordonnateur national.

Office canadien de coordination de l'évaluation des technologies de la santé:

Barb Shea, directrice - Examen des médicaments d'emploi courants;

Vijay Shukla, Pharmacien - Examen des médicaments d'emploi courants.

À titre individuel:

Michele Brill-Edwards, Département de pédiatrie, Université d'Ottawa.



PROCÈS-VERBAL

Séance n^o 61

Le jeudi 23 octobre 2003

Le Comité permanent de la santé se réunit aujourd'hui à 9 h 10, dans la pièce 371 de l'édifice de l'Ouest, sous la présidence de Bonnie Brown, présidente.

Membres du Comité présents : Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Hedy Fry, Grant Hill, Karen Kraft Sloan, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Svend Robinson et Hélène Scherrer.

Membres substitués présents : Ovid Jackson pour Stan Dromisky, Christian Jobin pour Carolyn Bennett, John Maloney pour Gilbert Barrette et David Price pour Brenda Chamberlain.

Aussi présents : *Bibliothèque du Parlement* : Nancy Miller Chenier, analyste; Sonya Norris, analyste.

Témoins : *Assemblée des Premières nations* : Bill Erasmus, chef régional, Territoires du Nord-Ouest; Elaine Johnston, directrice, Secrétariat à la santé. *Office canadien de coordination de l'évaluation des technologies de la santé* : Barb Shea, directrice - Examen des médicaments d'emploi courants; Vijay Shukla, pharmacien - Examen des médicaments d'emploi courants. *Coalition canadienne de la santé* : Michael McBane, coordonnateur national. *À titre individuel* : Michele Brill-Edwards, Département de pédiatrie, Université d'Ottawa.

Conformément à l'article 108(2) du Règlement et à la motion adoptée par le Comité le 17 février 2003, le Comité reprend son étude sur les médicaments sur ordonnance.

Bill Erasmus, Elaine Johnston, Barb Shea, Michael McBane et Michele Brill-Edwards font des déclarations et, avec les autres témoins, répondent aux questions.

Rob Merrifield propose, - Que le Comité reporte le voyage prévu à plus tard cet automne.

Après débat, la motion est mise aux voix et rejetée.

À 10 h 02, la séance est suspendue.

À 10 h 47, la séance reprend.

À 11 h 52, le Comité commence à siéger à huis clos.

Le Comité entreprend l'examen de questions relatives aux travaux du Comité.

À 12 h 01, le Comité s'ajourne jusqu'à nouvelle convocation de la présidence.

Le greffier du Comité,

José Cadorette

2003/10/24 14 h 48

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on

HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 62

Monday, October 27, 2003

Halifax, Nova Scotia

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Prescription Drugs

WITNESSES:

Atlantic Institute for Market Studies:

Don McIver, Director of Research.

Canadian Cancer Society - Nova Scotia Division:

Maureen Summers, Executive Director.

Canadian Mental Health Association:

Claudette Gaudet, Consumer;

Carol Tooton, Executive Director, Nova Scotia Division.

Centre for Emotions and Health, Dalhousie University:

Allan Abbass, Doctor, Director of Education, Department of Psychiatry.

New Brunswick Pharmacists' Association:

Peter Hogan, President.

Nova Scotia Citizens Health Care Network:

Peggy Brown, Disabled Individuals Alliance Representative;

Ian Johnson, Vice-Chairperson;

Sheila Richardson, Valley Chapter, Council of Canadians, and Member of Health Network.

University of New Brunswick, Faculty of Nursing:

Margaret Dykeman, Associate Professor and Nurse Manager, Community Health Clinic.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 62

Monday, October 27, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met at 9:03 a.m. this day, in the Nova Scotia B&C Room, CASINO NOVA SCOTIA HOTEL, Halifax, Nova Scotia, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield and Svend Robinson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Centre for Emotions and Health, Dalhousie University: Allan Abbass, Director of Education, Department of Psychiatry. *P.E.I. Health Coalition and MacKillop Centre for Social Justice:* Mary Boyd, Chair, P.E.I. Health Coalition. *University of New Brunswick, Faculty of Nursing :* Margaret Dykeman, Associate Professor and Nurse Manager , Community Health Clinic. *New Brunswick Pharmacists' Association:* Peter Hogan, President. *Nova Scotia Citizens Health Care Network:* Ian Johnson, Vice-Chairperson; Sheila Richardson, Valley Chapter, Council of Canadians and Member of Health Network; Peggy Brown, Disabled Individuals Alliance Representative. *Canadian Cancer Society - Nova Scotia Division:* Meg McCallum, Director of Programs; Maureen Summers, Executive Director. *Atlantic Institute for Market Studies:* Don McIver, Director of Research. *Dalhousie University:* David Zitner, Director, Medical Informatics, Faculty of Medicine. *Canadian Mental Health Association:* Carol Tooton, Executive Director, Nova Scotia Division; Claudette Gaudet, Consumer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 17, 2003, the Committee resumed its study of Prescription Drugs.

Allan Abbass, Margaret Dykeman and David Zitner made statements and answered questions.

At 10:20 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:25 a.m., the sitting resumed.

At 10:25 a.m., Réal Ménard took the Chair.

Don McIver and Peter Hogan made statements and answered questions.

At 11:12 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:24 a.m., the sitting resumed.

At 11:24 a.m., Bonnie Brown took the Chair.

Maureen Summers, Ian Johnson, Peggy Brown, Sheila Richardson, Mary Boyd, Carol Tooton and Claudette Gaudet made statements and answered questions.

At 12:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/31 10:35 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 63

Monday, October 27, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Prescription Drugs

WITNESSES:

New Brunswick Department of Health and Wellness:

Leanne Jardine, Acting Director, New Brunswick Prescription Drug Program.

Nova Scotia Department of Health:

Emily Somers, Acting Director, Pharmaceutical Services;

Thomas Ward, Deputy Minister of Health.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 63

Monday, October 27, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met at 1:44 p.m. this day, in the Nova Scotia B&C Room, CASINO NOVA SCOTIA HOTEL, Halifax, Nova Scotia, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield and Svend Robinson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Witnesses: New Brunswick Department of Health and Wellness: Leanne Jardine, Acting Director, New Brunswick Prescription Drug Program. *Nova Scotia Department of Health:* Emily Somers, Acting Director, Pharmaceutical Services; Thomas F. Ward, Deputy Minister of Health.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 17, 2003, the Committee resumed its study of Prescription Drugs.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 3:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/31 10:13 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 64

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

Québec, Québec

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Prescription Drugs.

WITNESSES:

Atlantic Centre of Excellence for Women's Health:

Martha Paynter, Research Assistant.

Coalition of Physicians for Social Justice:

Paul Saba, President.

Committee of People Living with HIV of Quebec:

Luc Gagnon, Executive Director;

Marc Lapierre, President;

José Sousa, Member of the Board of Directors, CPAVIH.

“Fédération des infirmières et infirmiers du Québec”:

Sylvie Boulanger, First Vice-President.

Kerbapharm Inc.:

Joseph Kerba, Chairman.

“Le Groupe Jean Coutu (PJC) Inc.”:

Richard Mayrand, Vice-President, Professional Activities.

Montreal International:

Michel Leblanc, Vice President Life Sciences.

“Ordre des pharmaciens du Québec”:

Jean-Yves Julien, President;

Marc Parent, Administrator.

“Union des consommateurs”:

France Latreille, Acting Coordinator;

Thérèse Richer, President;

Charles Tanguay, Communications Officer.

University of Quebec in Montreal:

Marc Hasbani, Researcher, Socio-economic Research Chair.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 64

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met at 8:09 a.m. this day, in the Plaza 2 Room, PLAZA QUEBEC HOTEL, Quebec, Quebec, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Bonnie Brown, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Svend Robinson and Hélène Scherrer.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Fédération des infirmières et infirmiers du Québec: Sylvie Boulanger, First Vice-President; Lucie Mercier, Consultant. *Committee of People Living with HIV of Quebec:* Marc Lapierre, President; Luc Gagnon, Executive Director; José Sousa, Member of the Board of Directors. *University of Quebec in Montreal:* Marc Hasbani, Researcher, Socio-economic Research Chair. *Ordre des pharmaciens du Québec:* Jean-Yves Julien, President; Marc Parent, Administrator. *Kerbapharm Inc.:* Joseph Kerba, Chairman. *Union des consommateurs:* Thérèse Richer, President; France Latreille, Acting Coordinator; Charles Tanguay, Communications Officer. *Montreal International:* Michel Leblanc, Vice President Life Sciences. *Le Groupe Jean Coutu (PJC) Inc.:* Richard Mayrand, Vice-President, Professional Activities. *Atlantic Centre of Excellence for Women's Health:* Martha Paynter, Research Assistant. *Coalition of Physicians for Social Justice:* Paul Saba, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 17, 2003, the Committee resumed its study of Prescription Drugs.

Sylvie Boulanger, Jean-Yves Julien and Paul Saba made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 9:08 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:10 a.m., the sitting resumed.

At 9:10 a.m., Réal Ménard took the Chair.

At 9:31 a.m., Bonnie Brown took the Chair.

France Latreille, Charles Tanguay, Martha Paynter and Luc Gagnon made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:00 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:16 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Joseph Kerba, Richard Mayrand, Michel Leblanc and Marc Hasbani made statements and answered questions.

At 11:21 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/31 10:15 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 65

Wednesday, October 29, 2003

Toronto, Ontario

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Prescription Drugs.

WITNESSES:

Biogen Canada:

Rob Hamilton, President.

Canada's Association for the Fifty-Plus:

Lillian Morgenthau, President and Founder.

Canadian Auto Workers Union:

Len Harrison, Retired Worker Executive;

Dean Lindsay, National Coordinator, Retirees.

Canadian Pensioners Concerned Inc.:

Gerda Kaegi, President.

Genzyme Canada Inc.:

Paul Drohan, Managing Director.

Pharmex Direct Inc.:

Thomas Holloway, President.

Women and Health Protection:

Anne Rochon Ford, Coordinator.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 65

Wednesday, October 29, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met at 9:12 a.m. this day, in the Windsor Ballroom, ROYAL MERIDIEN KING EDWARD HOTEL, Toronto, Ontario, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay and Réal Ménard.

Acting Members present: Brian Masse for Svend Robinson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Genzyme Canada Inc.: Paul Drohan, Managing Director; Peter Brenders, Health Affairs Executive. Pharmex Direct Inc.: Thomas Holloway, President. Biogen Canada: Rob Hamilton, President; Robert Kulik, Manager, Reimbursement and Government Affairs. Canada's Association for the Fifty-Plus: Lillian Morgenthau, President and Founder. Canadian Auto Workers Union: Dean Lindsay, National Coordinator - Retirees; Len Harrison, Retired Worker Executive. Women and Health Protection: Anne Rochon Ford, Coordinator. Canadian Pensioners Concerned Inc.: Gerda Kaegi, President; Barbara M. Black, Past President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 17, 2003, the Committee resumed its study of Prescription Drugs.

Paul Drohan, Thomas Holloway, Rob Hamilton made statements and answered questions.

At 10:18 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:39 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Lillian Morgenthau, Len Harrison, Anne Rochon Ford and Gerda Kaegi made statements and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:09 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/31 10:37 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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Standing Committee
on

HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 66

Wednesday, October 29, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Prescription Drugs

WITNESSES:

Canadian International Pharmacy Association:

Andy Troszok, Vice-President, Standards.

Canadian Pharmacists Association:

Jeff Poston, Executive Director.

Drug Safety Canada:

Terence Young, Chair.

Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada:

Deanna Groetzinger, Vice-President, Communications;

Kris McDonald, Volunteer and Member.

Ontario College of Pharmacists:

Della Croteau, Deputy Registrar, Director of Programs.

Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care:

David McCutcheon, Doctor, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Services Division;
Susan Paetkau, Director, Drug Programs Branch.

Ontario Pharmacists' Association:

Ruth Mallon, Vice-President, Pharmacy Services;
David Thomson, Chief Executive Officer.

Pharmaceutical Advertising Advisory Board:

Ray Chepesiuk, Commissioner.



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Meeting No. 66

Wednesday, October 29, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met at 1:39 p.m. this day, in the Windsor Ballroom, ROYAL MERIDIEN KING EDWARD HOTEL, Toronto, Ontario, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay and Réal Ménard.

Acting Members present: Brian Masse for Svend Robinson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Drug Safety Canada: Terence H. Young, Chair. *Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada:* Deanna Groetzing, Vice-President, Communications; Kris McDonald, Volunteer and Member. *Canadian International Pharmacy Association:* Andy Troszok, Vice President, Standards; John Myers, Secretary and General Counsel. *Ontario College of Pharmacists:* Della Croteau, Deputy Registrar, Director of Programs; Greg Ujiye, Manager, Pharmacy Practice Programs. *Ontario Pharmacists' Association:* Ruth Mallon, Vice President, Pharmacy Services; David Thomson, Chief Executive Officer. *Pharmaceutical Advertising Advisory Board:* Ray Chepesiuk, Commissioner; Gloria Bowes, Vice Chair. *Canadian Pharmacists Association:* Jeff W. Poston, Executive Director. *Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care:* David McCutcheon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Services Division; Susan Paetkau, Director, Drug Programs Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 17, 2003, the Committee resumed its study of Prescription Drugs.

Terence Young, Deanna Groetzing and Kris McDonald made statements and answered questions.

At 1:39 p.m., Réal Ménard took the Chair

At 1:44 p.m., Bonnie Brown took the Chair

At 2:28 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 2:36 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Andy Troszok, Della Croteau, Ray Chepesiuk, Jeff Poston and Ruth Mallon made statements and answered questions.

At 3:22 p.m., Réal Ménard took the Chair.

At 3:58 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:16 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 4:16 p.m., Bonnie Brown took the Chair.

David McCutcheon and Susan Paetkau made statements and answered questions.

At 5:08 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/31 2:20 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 67

Thursday, October 30, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Prescription Drugs

WITNESSES:

Alliance of Seniors to Protect Canada's Social Programs:

Al Gorlick, Chair.

Anemia Institute for Research and Education:

Durhane Wong-Rieger, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Arthritis Network:

Edward Keystone, Doctor; Associate Clinical Director.

Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation:

Josée Chiarot, Doctor; Director, Medical/Scientific and Community Programs;

Gord Thow, Past President.

Canadian Diabetes Association:

Donna Lillie, Vice-President, Research and Professional Education.

Canadian Network for Asthma Care:

Kenneth Chapman, Doctor ; President.

Canadian Treatment Action Council:

Louise Binder, Chair.

Consumers' Association of Canada:

Mel Fruitman, President;

Joan Sayer, Provincial Liaison to the National Health Council.

Osteoporosis Society of Canada:

Joyce Gordon, President and Chief Executive Officer;

Gail Lemieux, Founding Member, Canadian Osteoporosis Patient Network.

United Steelworkers of America:

Rod Bezo, Canadian Coordinator, Steelworkers Organization of Active Retirees;

Jorge Garcia-Orgales, Researcher.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 67

Thursday, October 30, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met at 9:09 a.m. this day, in the Windsor Ballroom, ROYAL MERIDIEN KING EDWARD HOTEL, Toronto, Ontario, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Rob Merrifield and Svend Robinson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Witnesses: *Canadian Arthritis Network:* Edward Keystone, Member and Professor, Department of Medicine, University of Toronto. *Canadian Network for Asthma Care:* Kenneth R. Chapman, President. *Anemia Institute for Research and Education:* Durhane Wong-Rieger, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Canadian Diabetes Association:* Donna Lillie, Vice President, Research and Professional Education; Alexis Mantell, Senior Manager, Strategic Communications. *Canadian Treatment Action Council :* Louise Binder, Chair. *Consumers Association of Canada:* Mel Fruitman, President; Joan Sayer, Provincial Liaison to the National Health Council. *Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation:* Gord Thow, Past President; Josée Chiarot, Director, Medical/Scientific and Community Programs. *Alliance of Seniors to Protect Canada's Social Programs:* Al Gorlick, Chair. *United Steelworkers of America:* Rod Bezo, Canadian Coordinator , Steelworkers Organization of Active Retirees; Jorge Garcia-Orgales, Staff, Research Department. *Osteoporosis Society of Canada:* Joyce Gordon, President and Chief Executive Officer; Gail Lemieux, Founding Member , Canadian Osteoporosis Patient Network.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 17, 2003, the Committee resumed its study of Prescription Drugs.

Edward Keystone, Kenneth Chapman, Durhane Wong-Rieger, Donna Lillie and Louise Binder made statements and answered questions.

At 10:18 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:35 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Mel Fruitman, Joan Sayer, Gord Thow, Al Gorlick, Jorge Garcia-Orgales, Joyce Gordon and Gail Lemieux made statements and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/31 2:49 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 68

Thursday, October 30, 2003

Toronto, Ontario

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Prescription Drugs.

WITNESSES:

Alliance for Access to Medical Information:

Sandra Graham, Senior Vice-President for Public Affairs of the Canadian Association of Broadcasters;

Anne Kothawala, President & CEO of the Canadian Newspapers Association.

ESI Canada:

Jean Joubert, President;

Steven Semelman, Vice-President, Health Management Operations.

Green Shield Canada:

Vernon Chiles, Vice-Chair of the Board.

Medical Reform Group:

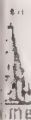
Joel Lexchin, Associate Professor, York University School of Health Policy and Management;

Brad Macintosh (Member of the Steering Committee;

Rosanna Pellizzari, Member of the Steering Committee.

As Individual:

Michael Rachlis, Private consultant in health policy.



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Meeting No. 68

Thursday, October 30, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met at 1:23 p.m. this day, in the Windsor Ballroom, ROYAL MERIDIEN KING EDWARD HOTEL, Toronto, Ontario, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Rob Merrifield and Svend Robinson.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Witnesses: As Individual: Michael Rachlis, Private consultant in health policy. *Medical Reform Group:* Joel Lexchin, Associate Professor, York University School of Health Policy and Management; Rosanna Pellizzari, Member of the Steering Committee; Brad MacIntosh, Member of the Steering Committee. *ESI Canada:* Jean Joubert, President; Steven Semelman, Vice-president, Health Management Operations. *Green Shield Canada:* Vernon Chiles, Vice Chair of the Board. *Alliance for Access to Medical Information:* Anne Kothawala, President and Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Newspapers Association; Sandra Graham, Senior Vice-President, Public Affairs of the Canadian Association of Broadcasters.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 17, 2003, the Committee resumed its study of Prescription Drugs.

Rosanna Pellizzari, Brad MacIntosh, Joel Lexchin and Michael Rachlis made statements and answered questions.

At 2:30 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 2:43 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Mr. Joubert, Vernon Chiles and Anne Kothawala made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/31 3:09 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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on

HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 69

Tuesday, November 4, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Prescription Drugs

WITNESSES:

BIOTECanada:

Suzanne Cadden, Vice-President of Clinical and Regulatory Affairs, Lorus Therapeutics;
Janet Lambert, President.

Canadian Generic Pharmaceutical Association:

Jim Keon, President;
Allan Oberman, Vice-Chair; President and Chief Executive Officer of Novopharm Ltd..

Rx & D, Canada's Research-Based Pharmaceutical Companies:

Murray Elston, President;
Nestor Nituch, Director of Clinical Research, Bristol Myers Squibb (BMS);
John Stewart, Chairman; Executive Vice-President and General Manager of Purdue Pharma.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 69

Tuesday, November 4, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met at 9:06 a.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Hedy Fry, Grant Hill, Betty Hinton, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield and Svend Robinson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Rx & D - Canada's Research-Based Pharmaceutical Companies: John Stewart, Chairman and Executive Vice-President and, General Manager of Purdue Pharma; Nestor Nituch, Director of Clinical Research, Bristol Myers Squibb (BMS); Murray J. Elston, President. *BIOTEC Canada:* Janet Lambert, President; Suzanne Cadden, Vice President of Clinical and Regulatory Affairs, Lorus Therapeutics. *Canadian Generic Pharmaceutical Association:* Jim Keon, President; Allan Oberman, Vice-Chair, President and Chief Executive Officer of Novopharm Ltd..

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 17, 2003, the Committee resumed its study of Prescription Drugs.

John Stewart, Nestor Nituch, Janet Lambert, Suzanne Cadden, Allan Oberman and Jim Keon made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 9:49 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:58 a.m., the sitting resumed.

At 10:57 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

At 11:02 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette
Clerk of the Committee

2003/11/04 2:36 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 70

Wednesday, November 5, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Prescription Drugs.

WITNESSES:

Gilead Sciences Inc.:

Mick Hitchcock, Doctor, Vice-President, Health.

IMS Health:

Gary Fabian, Vice President, Corporate Relations;

Roger Korman, Doctor; President.

University of Ottawa:

The Honorable Judy Erola, Chairman, Advisory Committee, Health Management Program,
School of Management;

André Potworowski, Doctor; Associate Director, Research and Development, Centre for
Research in Biopharmaceuticals and Biotechnology.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 70

Wednesday, November 5, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Jeannot Castonguay, Brenda Chamberlain, Stan Dromisky, Grant Hill, Betty Hinton, Karen Kraft Sloan, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield and Greg Thompson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: University of Ottawa: André J. Potworowski, Associate Director, Research and Development, Centre for Research in Biopharmaceuticals and Biotechnology; Judy Erola, Chairman, Advisory Committee, Health Management Program, School of Management. *Gilead Sciences Inc.:* Mick Hitchcock, Vice-President, Health; Alix Israels, Marketing Manager, Canada. *IMS Health:* Roger Korman, President; Gary Fabian, Vice President, Corporate Relations; Anita Fineberg, Corporate Counsel and Chief Privacy Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 17, 2003, the Committee resumed its study of Prescription Drugs.

André Potworowski, Judy Erola, Mick Hitchcock and Roger Korman made statements and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:08 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 6:26 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

At 6:53 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette
Clerk of the Committee

2003/11/06 2:04 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 71

Thursday, November 6, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Prescription Drugs.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Federation of Nurses Union:

Linda Silas, President.

Canadian Medical Association:

Sunil Patel, Doctor; President;

William Tholl, Secretary General and CEO.

The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada:

Michel Brazeau, Doctor; Chief Executive Officer;

Jean Gray, Doctor; Vice-President, Executive-Committee.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 71

Thursday, November 6, 2003

The Standing Committee on Health met at 9:14 a.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Vice-Chair, Réal Ménard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Stan Dromisky, Grant Hill, Betty Hinton, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Svend Robinson and Hélène Scherrer.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Federation of Nurses Union: Linda Silas, President; Pauline Worsfold, Secretary-Treasurer; Tom O'Brien, Director of Communications and Campaigns. *Canadian Medical Association:* Sunil Patel, President; William Tholl, Secretary General and CEO; Isra Levy, Director, Office of Public Health. *The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada:* Michel Brazeau, Chief Executive Officer; Jean Gray, Vice President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 17, 2003, the Committee resumed its study of Prescription Drugs.

Linda Silas, Sunil Patel, Michel Brazeau and Jean Gray made statements and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 9:44 a.m., Stan Dromisky took the Chair.

At 10:51 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette
Clerk of the Committee

2003/11/06 2:36 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, February 17, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs





MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, February 17, 2004

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Diane Bourgeois, Bonnie Brown, Hon. Gerry Byrne, Hon. David Kilgour, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Hon. Robert D. Nault, Hon. Gilbert Normand, Svend Robinson, Greg Thompson and Hon. Susan Whelan.

Acting Members present: Murray Calder for Ivan Grose, Jay Hill for Deborah Grey, James Lunney for Randy White and Guy St-Julien for Hon. Brenda Chamberlain.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Elizabeth B. Kingston, Committee Clerk.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Susan Whelan, it was agreed, — That Bonnie Brown be elected Chair of the Committee.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-Chairs.

On motion of David Kilgour, it was agreed, — That Gilbert Barrette be elected as Government Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Svend Robinson moved, — That Réal Ménard be elected as Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Jay Hill moved, — That Rob Merrifield be elected as Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(3), the election was conducted by secret ballot.

The ballots having been counted, Rob Merrifield was declared duly elected as Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Susan Whelan, it was agreed, — That the Committee retain the services of one or more analysts from the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Committee in its work, at the discretion of the Chair.

On motion of Susan Whelan, it was agreed, — That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive and publish evidence when a quorum is not present provided that at least three(3) members are present, including a member of the opposition; and that the Chair be authorized to call a meeting to order no sooner than fifteen(15) minutes after the time indicated on the notice of meeting as long as three(3) members are present.

On motion of Susan Whelan, it was agreed, — That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses not exceeding two(2) representatives per organization; and that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for more representatives be at the discretion of the Chair.

On motion of Susan Whelan, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute to the members of the Committee documents only when they exist in both official languages.

On motion of Susan Whelan, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized, in consultation with the Chair, to make the necessary arrangements to provide for working meals for the Committee.

On motion of Susan Whelan, it was agreed, — That one copy of the transcript of all *in camera* meetings be kept in the Committee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Committee.

On motion of Susan Whelan, it was agreed, — That, except for amendments to bills, forty-eight(48) hours' notice be given before any substantive motion is considered by the Committee; and that notice given on a Friday be deemed to have been given on the following Monday.

On motion of Susan Whelan, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee circulate to all members of the Committee Order-in-Council appointments referred to the Standing Committee on Health.

On motion of David Kilgour, it was agreed, — That, unless otherwise ordered, each Committee member be allowed to have one staff person present at *in camera* meetings, only when the member, himself or herself, is absent for a documented reason.

On motion of Susan Whelan, it was agreed, — That the Committee be authorized to purchase documents for the use of the Committee.

At 11:43 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2004/02/18 3:50 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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on

HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, February 24, 2004

IN CAMERA



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, February 24, 2004

The Standing Committee on Health met *in camera* at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Bonnie Brown, Hon. Gerry Byrne, Hon. Brenda Chamberlain, Deborah Grey, Hon. David Kilgour, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Hon. Gilbert Normand, Svend Robinson, Greg Thompson and Hon. Susan Whelan.

Associate Members present: Pat Martin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That all questioning of witnesses be limited to five (5) minutes per member and that the Chair direct the first two (2) questions to members of the Official Opposition, followed by five (5) minutes for the Bloc québécois, five (5) minutes for the Liberal Party, five (5) minutes for the New Democratic Party, and that subsequent questions be alternately shared between government and opposition members, at the discretion of the Chair. That during the appearance of a Minister, the Chair direct the first fifteen (15) minutes to members of the Official Opposition, ten (10) minutes to the Bloc québécois, ten (10) minutes to the New Democratic Party and ten (10) minutes to the Liberal Party during the first round of questioning, and that thereafter five (5) minutes per party be allocated alternating between the opposition and government members, at the discretion of the Chair.

It was agreed, — That whenever the Main Estimates or the Supplementary Estimates are tabled in the House, the Committee invite the Minister and any relevant Senior Officials of the Department to appear at a televised meeting, if possible, of the Committee.

It was agreed, — That whenever a Chapter of a Report of the Auditor General refers to a subject under the mandate of the Committee, the Committee invite the Office of the Auditor General of Canada and any relevant Senior Officials of the Department to appear at a televised meeting, if possible, of the Committee.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2), the Committee undertake a one meeting hearing on the health effects and alternatives to consuming trans fatty acids, accounting for the various sources and relative amounts of trans fats Canadians regularly consume via purchases at the grocery shelves and in restaurants.

It was agreed, — That the Committee resume its study on Prescription Drugs begun in the second session of the 37th Parliament, pursuant to the Order of February 17, 2003. That the evidence, briefs and documents received by the Committee during the second session of the 37th Parliament in relation to this study, be deemed adduced by the Committee in the current session.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee study the Supplementary Estimates (B) 2003-2004 referred on February 19, 2004, and invite the Minister and senior officials to appear on Thursday, February 26, 2004 on this subject.

At 11:51 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Committee Clerk

2004/02/25 4:06 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 3

Thursday, February 26, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Supplementary Estimates (B) 2003-2004: Votes 1b, 5b, 20b and 25b under HEATH referred to the Committee on February 19, 2004

WITNESSES:

Department of Health:

Patrick Borbey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services Branch;

Scott Broughton, Assistant Deputy Minister, Population and Public Health Branch;

Susan Fletcher, Assistant Deputy Minister, Healthy Environment and Consumer Safety Branch;

Diane Gorman, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and Food Branch;

Ian Potter, Assistant Deputy Minister, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch;

Wendy Sexsmith, Executive Director, Pest Management Regulatory Agency;

Ian Shugart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Policy and Communications Branch.



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Meeting No. 3

Thursday, February 26, 2004

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Hon. Don Boudria, Bonnie Brown, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Greg Thompson and Hon. Susan Whelan.

Acting Members present: André Harvey for Gerry Byrne.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Health: Patrick Borbey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services Branch; Scott Broughton, Assistant Deputy Minister, Population and Public Health Branch; Susan Fletcher, Assistant Deputy Minister, Healthy Environment and Consumer Safety Branch; Diane Gorman, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and Food Branch; Wendy Sexsmith, Executive Director, Pest Management Regulatory Agency; Ian Potter, Assistant Deputy Minister, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch; Ian Shugart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Policy and Communications Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (B) 2003-2004: Votes 1b, 5b, 10b, 15b, 20b and 25b under HEALTH referred to the Committee on February 19, 2004.

The Chair called Vote 1b under HEALTH.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2004/02/26 3:20 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 3rd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 4

Wednesday, March 10, 2004

IN CAMERA



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 4

Wednesday, March 10, 2004

The Standing Committee on Health met *in camera* at 4:17 p.m. this day, in Room 306 West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Don Boudria, Bonnie Brown, Réal Ménard and Rob Merrifield.

Acting Members present: Lynne Yelich for Deborah Grey.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, February 24, 2004, the Committee commenced its study on Prescription Drugs.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 5:19 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2004/03/12 2:53 p.m.

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HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 5

Thursday, March 11, 2004

IN CAMERA



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

Thursday, March 11, 2004

The Standing Committee on Health met *in camera* at 11:12 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Hon. Don Boudria, Bonnie Brown, Deborah Grey and Réal Ménard.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, February 24, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Prescription Drugs.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 12:06 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2004/03/12 2:49 p.m.

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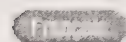
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Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 6

Tuesday, March 23, 2004

IN CAMERA



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

Tuesday, March 23, 2004

The Standing Committee on Health met *in camera* at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 208 West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Hon. Don Boudria, Bonnie Brown, Hon. Gerry Byrne, Deborah Grey, Hon. David Kilgour, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield and Svend Robinson.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, February 24, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Prescription Drugs.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 12:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2004/03/25 10:36 a.m.

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HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 7

Wednesday, March 24, 2004

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

Wednesday, March 24, 2004

The Standing Committee on Health met *in camera* at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 307 West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Bonnie Brown, Hon. Gerry Byrne, Réal Ménard and Robert Terriff.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, February 24, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Prescription Drugs.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 4:42 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2004/03/25 10:35 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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Standing Committee
on

HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 8

Monday, March 29, 2004

IN CAMERA



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 8

Monday, March 29, 2004

The Standing Committee on Health met *in camera* at 7:02 p.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Bonnie Brown, Hon. Gerry Byrne, Deborah Grey, Hon. David Kilgour, Réal Ménard and Rob Merrifield.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, February 24, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Prescription Drugs.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 8:41 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2004/03/30 10:20 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 3rd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 9

Tuesday, March 30, 2004

IN CAMERA



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 9

Tuesday, March 30, 2004

The Standing Committee on Health met *in camera* at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Hon. Don Boudria, Bonnie Brown, Hon. Gerry Byrne, Deborah Grey, Hon. David Kilgour, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield and Hon. Gilbert Normand.

Acting Members present: Hon. Hedy Fry for Hon. David Kilgour and Hon. Jerry Pickard for Hon. Gilbert Normand.

Associate Members present: Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, February 24, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Prescription Drugs.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and researchers be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee make the necessary arrangements for a press conference to be held on Thursday, April 1, 2004, at 11:30 a.m. in the National Press Theatre, 150 Wellington St., after the tabling of the Committee's report on Prescription Drugs to the House; and that the Committee be represented by the Chair and a representative from each party.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee, in consultation with the Chair, issue a news release.

It was agreed, - That the Committee call on the Health Minister to appear on Tuesday, April 27, 2004, to answer questions on the Estimates.

At 12:19 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2004/03/31 12:25 p.m.

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on

HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

IN CAMERA



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

The Standing Committee on Health met *in camera* at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Hon. Don Boudria, Bonnie Brown, Hon. Gerry Byrne, Deborah Coyne, Hon. David Kilgour, Hon. Gilbert Normand, Greg Thompson and Hon. Susan Whelan.

Guest Members present: Bev Desjarlais for Svend Robinson.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That, further to the government's request for input and direction from committees as to which key government appointments should be subject to prior parliamentary review, the Standing Committee on Health be provided each September with a list of appointments due for renewal in the coming twelve months; and that upon receipt of the list, all members of the committee be afforded the opportunity to request a review of one or more positions by the committee; and that a first such list be provided as soon as possible, for a period extending from May to the end of August 2004.

It was agreed, — That the Committee invite Mr. James Lunney, MP, and officials from Health Canada, to appear before the committee on Thursday, April 22, 2004, to discuss Bill C-420, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act.

It was agreed, — That the Committee meet with the Minister of Health on Tuesday, April 27, 2004, on the subject of the Main Estimates 2004-2005, and with the Auditor General of Canada on Thursday, April 29, 2004 on Chapter 2 (Health Canada – Regulation of Medical Devices) of her report tabled in the House on March 30, 2004.

At 11:29 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2004/04/27 3:42 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 11

Thursday, April 22, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, February 2, 2004, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-420, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Gilbert Barrette,
Hon. Don Boudria,
Bonnie Brown,
Deborah Grey,
Réal Ménard
and Rob Merrifield.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Bev Desjarlais for Svend Robinson.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER PRESENT:

James Lunney.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

James Lunney, Nanaimo—Alberni.

Department of Health:

Philip Waddington, Director general, Natural Health Products
Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 11

Thursday, April 22, 2004

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Hon. Don Boudria, Bonnie Brown, Deborah Grey, Réal Ménard and Rob Merrifield.

Acting Members present: Bev Desjarlais for Svend Robinson.

Associate Members present: James Lunney.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: House of Commons: James Lunney, Nanaimo—Alberni. *Department of Health:* Philip Waddington, Director general, Natural Health Products Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, February 2, 2004, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-420, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act.

The Chair called Clause 1.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 1:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2004/04/23 2:03 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 3rd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown.

Meeting No. 12

Tuesday, April 27, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2004-2005: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 under HEALTH referred to the Committee on Tuesday, February 24, 2004.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Gilbert Barrette,
Bonnie Brown,
Hon. David Kilgour,
Réal Ménard,
Rob Merrifield
and Hon. Susan Whelan.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bev Desjarlais for Svend Robinson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Pierre Pettigrew, Minister of Health.

WITNESSES:

Department of Health:

Ian C. Green, Deputy Minister;

Patrick Borbey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services Branch;

Karen L. Dodds, Acting Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and Food Branch;

Ian Shugart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Policy and Communications Branch;

Susan Fletcher, Assistant Deputy Minister, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch;

Leslie MacLean, Director General, Non-Insured Health Benefits Directorate, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch;

David Mowatt, Senior Director General, Population and Public Health Branch.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 12

Tuesday, April 27, 2004

The Standing Committee on Health met in a televised session at 12:02 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Bonnie Brown, Hon. David Kilgour, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield and Hon. Susan Whelan.

Acting Members present: Bev Desjarlais for Svend Robinson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Pierre Pettigrew, Minister of Health.

Witnesses: Department of Health: Ian C. Green, Deputy Minister; Patrick Borbey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services Branch; Karen L. Dodds, Acting Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and Food Branch; Ian Shugart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Policy and Communications Branch; Susan Fletcher, Assistant Deputy Minister, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch; Leslie MacLean, Director General, Non-Insured Health Benefits Directorate, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch; David Mowatt, Senior Director General, Population and Public Health Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2004-2005: Votes 1 and 5 under HEALTH referred to the Committee on Tuesday, February 24, 2004.

The Chair called Vote 1 under HEALTH.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 1:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2004/04/28 8:14 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 3rd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 13

Thursday, April 29, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, February 24, 2004, the Committee commenced its study of the Report of the Auditor General of Canada (Chapter 2: Health Canada - Regulation of Medical Devices).

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Gilbert Barrette,
Hon. Don Boudria,
Bonnie Brown,
Hon. David Kilgour,
Réal Ménard,
Rob Merrifield
and Hon. Susan Whelan.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;
Linda Anglin, Director.

Department of Health:

Patrick Borbey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services Branch;

Robert Peterson, Director General, Therapeutic Products Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch;

Kim Dix, Manager, Medical Devices Compliance Unit, Health Products and Food Branch.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 13

Thursday, April 29, 2004

The Standing Committee on Health met in a televised session at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Hon. Don Boudria, Bonnie Brown, Hon. David Kilgour, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield and Hon. Susan Whelan.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Linda Anglin, Director. *Department of Health:* Patrick Borbey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services Branch; Robert Peterson, Director General, Therapeutic Products Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch; Kim Dix, Manager, Medical Devices Compliance Unit, Health Products and Food Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, February 24, 2004, the Committee commenced its study of the Report of the Auditor General of Canada (Chapter 2: Health Canada - Regulation of Medical Devices).

Sheila Fraser and Robert Peterson made statements and, with Linda Anglin, answered questions.

At 12:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2004/04/29 3:43 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 3rd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, February 24, 2004, the Committee commenced its study of the health effects and alternatives to consuming trans fatty acids.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Gilbert Barrette,
Hon. Don Boudria,
Bonnie Brown,
Deborah Grey,
Hon. David Kilgour,
Réal Ménard,
Rob Merrifield,
Hon. Gilbert Normand
and Hon. Susan Whelan.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Pat Martin for Svend Robinson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Royal Danish Embassy:

His Excellency Svend Roed Nielsen, Ambassador.

New York Fries:

John Gould, President.

University of Guelph:

Bruce Holub, Professor, Department of Human Biology and
Nutritional Sciences.

Department of Health:

Karen L. Dodds, Acting Associate Assistant Deputy Minister,
Health Products and Food Branch;

Mary L'Abbé, Director, Bureau of Nutritional Sciences, Health
Products and Food Branch.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Hon. Don Boudria, Bonnie Brown, Deborah Grey, Hon. David Kilgour, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Hon. Gilbert Normand and Hon. Susan Whelan.

Acting Members present: Pat Martin for Svend Robinson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Royal Danish Embassy: His Excellency Svend Roed Nielsen, Ambassador. *New York Fries:* John Gould, President. *University of Guelph:* Bruce Holub, Professor of Nutritional Sciences.

Department of Health: Karen L. Dodds, Acting Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and Food Branch; Mary L'Abbé, Director, Bureau of Nutritional Sciences, Health Products and Food Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, February 24, 2004, the Committee commenced its study of the health effects and alternatives to consuming trans fatty acids.

His Excellency Svend Roed Nielsen, John Gould, Bruce Holub and Karen Dodds made statements and, with Mary L'Abbé, answered questions.

At 1:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2004/05/04 3:28 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 3rd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 15

Thursday, May 6, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, March 30, 2004, the Committee commenced consideration of the subject-matter of Bill C-398, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act (food labelling).

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Gilbert Barrette,
Hon. Don Boudria,
Bonnie Brown,
Deborah Grey,
Hon. David Kilgour,
Réal Ménard,
Rob Merrifield
and Hon. Susan Whelan.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Bev Desjarlais for Svend Robinson.

OTHER MEMBER PRESENT:

Tom Wappel.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

Tom Wappel, Scarborough Southwest.

Department of Health:

Karen L. Dodds, Acting Associate Assistant Deputy Minister,
Health Products and Food Branch;
Mary L'Abbé, Director, Bureau of Nutritional Sciences, Health
Products and Food Branch.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Greg Orriss, Director, Bureau of Food Safety and Consumer
Protection.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 15

Thursday, May 6, 2004

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Hon. Don Boudria, Bonnie Brown, Deborah Grey, Hon. David Kilgour, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield and Hon. Susan Whelan.

Acting Members present: Bev Desjarlais for Svend Robinson.

Other Members present: Tom Wappel.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: House of Commons: Tom Wappel, Scarborough Southwest. *Department of Health:* Karen L. Dodds, Acting Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and Food Branch; Mary L'Abbé, Director, Bureau of Nutritional Sciences, Health Products and Food Branch. *Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* Greg Orriss, Director, Bureau of Food Safety and Consumer Protection.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, March 30, 2004, the Committee commenced consideration of the subject-matter of Bill C-398, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act (food labelling).

Tom Wappel, Karen Dodds and Greg Orriss made statements and, with Mary L'Abbé, answered questions.

Réal Ménard gave notice of the following motion:

That the Health Committee, in relation to its study on Bill C-398, organize a round table with the sponsor of the bill, representatives of the industries concerned and members of the committee; and that this meeting take place no later than Thursday, May 13, 2004.

At 1:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2004/05/07 9:36 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 3rd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 16

Thursday, May 13, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, March 30, 2004, the Committee commenced consideration of the subject-matter of Bill C-398, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act (food labelling).

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Don Boudria,
Bonnie Brown,
Réal Ménard
and Rob Merrifield.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Duncan for Greg Thompson,
Christian Jobin for Gilbert Barrette,
Jason Kenney for Deborah Grey,
and Pat Martin for Svend Robinson.

OTHER MEMBER PRESENT:

Tom Wappel.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;

Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Centre for Science in the Public Interest:
Bill Jeffery, National Coordinator.

Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association:
Joyce Reynolds, Senior Vice President, Government Affairs;
Jill Holroyd, Vice President, Research and Communications.

Food and Consumer Products Manufacturers of Canada:
Nancy Croitoru, President and Chief Executive Officer;
Fred Schaeffer, Chief Operating Officer, Kraft Canada.

McDonald's Restaurants of Canada Ltd.:
Richard Ellis, Vice President, Communications and Public Affairs.

Cara Operations Ltd.:
David Barlow, Chief Operating Officer, Harvey's Restaurant.

Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada:
Sally Brown, Chief Executive Officer;
Carol Dombrow, Nutrition Consultant.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 16

Thursday, May 13, 2004

The Standing Committee on Health met at 10:07 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Don Boudria, Bonnie Brown, Réal Ménard and Rob Merrifield.

Acting Members present: John Duncan for Greg Thompson, Christian Jobin for Gilbert Barrette, Jason Kenney for Deborah Grey and Pat Martin for Svend Robinson.

Other Members present: Tom Wappel.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

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